

Laws of Charles County (1965 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County", subtitle "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 54 thereof; and to add new Section 52A to the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County", subtitle "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 52 thereof, to establish a tri-county council in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties; to provide its membership, prescribe its duties and provide for its funding.

WHEREAS, By Executive Order dated May 14, 1965, the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (formerly Tri-County Committee for Community Action) was acknowledged as the cooperative planning and development agency in Southern Maryland, representing the counties of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's for certain purposes; and

WHEREAS, The representatives of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's to the General Assembly of Maryland wish to permanently establish the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland by legislative act; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 123 $\frac{1}{2}$  be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Calvert County (1963 Edition, being Article 5 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Calvert County", subtitle "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 123 thereof, and to read as follows:

123 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

(a) *There is hereby established a tri-county body to be known as the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to represent the counties of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's. Membership in the Council will consist of the State Senators and Delegates representing Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties in addition to four additional members from each county to be elected by the Council and to include a representative of the County Commissioners of the County Planning and Zoning Commission and of the County Economic Development Commission. Additionally, the Maryland Department of Economic Development and the Maryland State Planning Department shall each be represented on the Council by one non-voting member.*

(b) *The Council shall operate as a cooperative planning and development agency within the representative counties to foster the economic and social development of the tri-county area and utilize effectively the assistance provided by the State. It shall initiate and coordinate plans and projects for the development of human and economic resources of the Southern Maryland region as a Southern Maryland planning and development agency.*

(c) *The Council will cooperate with the State departments and agencies concerned, particularly including, but not limited to the Department of Economic Development, the State Planning Department, the State Office of Economic Opportunity, the State Roads Commission and the Department of Forests and Parks, and submit*