

coordinate action among its members; and (iii) make recommendations for review and action to the members and other public agencies that perform functions within the region.

(2) ~~The council may, by appropriate action of the governing bodies of the member governments, exercise such other powers as are exercised or capable of exercise by the member governments and necessary or desirable for dealing with problems of mutual concern.~~

(d) The council shall adopt by-laws designating the officers of the council and providing for the conduct of its business.

(e) The council may employ such staff, and consult and retain such experts, as it deems necessary.

(f) (1) The governing bodies of the member governments may appropriate funds to meet the expenses of the council. Services of personnel, use of equipment and office space, and other necessary services may be accepted from members as part of their financial support.

(2) The council may accept funds, grants, gifts, and services from the government of the United States or its agencies, from the State of Maryland or its departments, agencies or instrumentalities, or from any governmental unit whether participating in the council or not, and from private and civic sources.

(3) It shall make an annual report of its activities to the member governments.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.

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CHAPTER 744

(House Bill 639)

AN ACT to add new Section 169A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1959 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "Land Records," to follow immediately after Section 169 thereof, to provide that only instruments prepared and presented by an attorney, his employee or a person named on such instrument shall be accepted for recording among the Land Records of Charles County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 169A be and it is hereby added to the Code of