

"County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 14 thereof, to create the office of the County Administrator of Caroline County; making general provision for the appointment, powers, functions, and duties of this officer and the operation of his office; making provision for the appointment of an Acting County Administrator in case of a temporary absence of the County Administrator; providing for the duties and powers of the County Commissioners of Caroline County in relation to the position of County Administrator; and relating generally to the office of County Administrator and the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County with respect to the general operations and control of the county government.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section 14A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County (1965 Edition, being Article 6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Caroline County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 14 thereof, and to read as follows:

14A.

(a) *The office of County Administrator of Caroline County is created. The Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County shall appoint the Administrator from time to time. He shall be selected on the basis of his executive, administrative, and fiscal abilities, including his knowledge and experience in public administration, public finance, accounting, and public affairs. The Administrator shall receive an annual salary of not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). He shall execute a surety bond in favor of the Board of County Commissioners, in such amount and with such corporate surety as prescribed by the Board, with the condition that he shall execute his duties well and faithfully as required by law; and the premium for the bond shall be paid from county funds. He shall hold his office during good behavior, and FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AND SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT. HE may be discharged by the Board only for inefficiency, inability, neglect of duty, or misconduct; but before he may be removed from office he shall be given a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being publicly heard in person or by counsel, upon not less than ten days' notice. The Administrator in any event shall not hold his office longer than the last day of the month in which he attains the age of seventy (70) years.*

(b) *The Administrator shall devote his full time to the work of the county, and he shall be responsible to the County Commissioners for the proper administration of his affairs. He may employ, with the approval of the County Commissioners, such assistants as he may deem necessary for the proper performance of his duties. He shall at all times be held responsible for the proper discharge of his duties, but may delegate to appropriate officers and employees such authority as he deems necessary to carry out the duties of his office.*

(c) *The County Administrator shall have the following powers and duties:*

(1) *To be the chief administrative officer of the county and under the general supervision and control of the Board of County*