

Administrative Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and providing that the present Administrative Assistant shall become the first Director of Administration under certain conditions and relating generally to the Administrative Assistant, the Office of Director of Administration, the position of ~~Finance~~ FISCAL Officer and the Board of County Commissioners of Harford 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 Section 205 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County (1965 Edition, being Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County," subtitle "County Commissioners," be and it is hereby repealed, and that new Section 205 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section so repealed, and to read as follows:*

205.

(a) *The office of Director of Administration of Harford County is created. The Board of County Commissioners of Harford County shall appoint a Director from time to time. The Director 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 Director shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the County Commissioners from time to time. 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; the premium for the bond shall be paid from county funds. The Director shall hold his office during good behavior, and may be discharged by the Board only for inefficiency, inability, neglect of duty, or misconduct; but before the Director 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 Director 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 Director 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. The Director 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 such authority as he deems necessary to carry out the duties of his office to appropriate officers and employees.*

(c) *The Director of Administration 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 Commissioners to be responsible for and handle the day to day operations of the county government all as more particularly described in this section.*