

CHAPTER 548

(Senate Bill 412)

AN ACT to add new Section 205 to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1965 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County", to immediately precede Section 206 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Parks", to create a Board of Parks for Howard County, to provide for its members and the powers, duties, responsibilities of the Board and the procedure for financing the operation of the Board and compensation of its employees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 205 be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1965 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County", to immediately precede Section 206 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Parks", and to read as follows:

Parks

205.

(a) *There is hereby created a Board of Parks for Howard County with powers and duties hereinafter specified.*

(b) *The Board shall consist of seven members, appointed by the Governor of the State of Maryland and ratified by the Senate of Maryland, except that in the event a State Senator does not reside in Howard County, the County Commissioners or County Council, as the case might be, shall be the appointing body. One member shall be a member of the Board of Education, one shall be a member of the Board of County Commissioners and one shall be a member of the Planning Commission, ALL OF WHOM SHALL SERVE EX OFFICIO. All members of the Board, except the County Commissioner member who shall serve for his elected term of office and the Board of Education and the Planning Commission members who shall serve for their appointed terms of office, shall be appointed for four years from the first day of May of the year of their appointments or until their successors are appointed, except that the respective terms of the four members first appointed shall be one, two, three and four years respectively. Vacancies, except those at the expiration of a term, shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments and for the unexpired term. All members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for their expenses in the performance of their duties.*

(c) *The Board shall annually select a chairman and a vice-chairman from its membership; and it shall also select a secretary and a treasurer, who may or may not be members thereof. The Board may require the treasurer to give bond in such amount as it may determine, and it is further authorized to adopt all necessary rules and regulations for the conduct of its business and for the protection of properties under its control. The Board shall hold such regular and special meetings it may deem necessary. The Board is authorized to determine all questions of general policy relating to parks and open spaces in the County, insofar, as the policies do not conflict with the adopted master, general or comprehensive plan for the*