

IN LIGHT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF CARROLL COUNTY, GIVING DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE PROSPECTIVE GROWTH OF THE COUNTY AND TO THE CHARACTER AND NATURE OF SUCH GROWTH. IT SHALL MEET AND HOLD HEARINGS AS OFTEN AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE. IT SHALL ASSEMBLE SUCH DATA AND OBTAIN SUCH TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICES AS MAY BE NEEDED. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IT MAY OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF THE BUREAU OF GOVERNMENTAL RESEARCH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND SUCH OTHER TECHNICAL OR ADVISORY SERVICES AS MAY BE NEEDED, INCLUDING A PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME RESEARCH ASSISTANT. THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ALL PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE IN THE STRUCTURE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT INCLUDING REVISION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SYSTEM, ADOPTION OF CHARTER FORM OF GOVERNMENT, CODE HOME RULE AND ANY OTHER LEGAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT. THE COMMISSION ALSO SHALL CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PREPARATION OF AN INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT FOR CARROLL COUNTY AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 1968, PROVIDED THAT THIS ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY SHALL BE CARRIED OUT ONLY IF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION IS RATIFIED AT THE REFERENDUM ON MAY 14, 1968.

(D) THE COMMISSION IS DIRECTED TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TO THE STATE SENATOR, THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND THE PEOPLE OF CARROLL COUNTY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1969. SUCH REPORT SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SHALL INCLUDE ITS DETAILED FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND A DRAFT OF ANY SUGGESTED CHANGES OR INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT TOGETHER WITH SUCH OTHER PERTINENT MATTERS AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE.

*Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,*

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of Chapter 421 of the Laws of Maryland of 1966 be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

2.

This Act shall expire automatically on June 1 [1968] 1969 without further action on the part of the General Assembly and shall be null and void after said date.

*Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1968.*

SEC. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE