

WHEREAS, It is deemed desirable to have a study made first to determine what changes, if any, in the structure or form of the present County government or public work system should be made to best satisfy these needs and to prepare, if possible, specific recommendations as to the actual content of any modification of the present structure or of the new instrument of government; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Worcester County Governmental Study commission is hereby created for the purpose of studying and making recommendations concerning the structure or form of the government of Worcester County. The Commission shall be composed of not less than nine (9) persons and not more than fifteen (15) persons who shall serve without compensation. Commission members shall be selected and appointed by the member of the House of Delegates and the County Commissioners of Worcester County. One of the persons so selected shall be designated by the appointing authority as Chairman of the Commission. In appointing the members of the Commission, the appointing authorities shall endeavor to select those whose devotion to the County and its people, whose knowledge of government and sense of historical perspective and whose education and experience especially equip them for membership on the Commission and will assure that the Commission reflects the several interests and regions of the County. In addition to the several members herein provided, the County Commissioners and member of the House of Delegates shall serve as ex officio, non-voting members of the Commission and render advisory assistance thereto.

The Commission shall examine the existing structure and form of county government in light of present and future needs of the people of Worcester 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. It may recommend to the County Commissioners that a part-time or full-time research assistant be employed to assist it in the discharge of its duties. 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.

For these purposes the Commission is to be appointed by July 1, 1968, and is directed to hold its first meeting not later than August 1, 1968.

The Commission is directed to report to the County Commissioners, to the member of the House of Delegates and the people of Worcester 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.

The Board of County Commissioners is directed to provide the Commission with such assistance and funds as may be required to enable the Commission to carry out its duties under this section.