

The district council may delegate to the Hearing Examiner or board the power to issue subpoenas for witnesses and/or documents and the power to administer oaths to witnesses appearing before the Hearing Examiner or board; such oath to have all the qualities of an oath taken before any judicial tribunal or officer and violations thereof to be punishable as other perjuries are punishable.】

【(4) The Hearing Examiner or board shall render a written recommendation at such time and in such manner and form as may be required by the district council. Any application on which a public hearing has been held either by the district council or a Hearing Examiner or board may be assigned or reassigned to an examiner, which examiner must read and examine the evidence of record, or, in the discretion of the district council, conduct a new hearing before rendering a recommendation, as provided hereinabove.】

【(5) An application, as provided hereunder, may be decided solely on the basis of the Hearing Examiner's or board's recommendation; provided, however, that within ten (10) days after transmittal of the Hearing Examiner's or board's written recommendation to the district council, any person or association having appeared and participated, in person or by counsel, at the hearing before the Hearing Examiner or board, may request the right to present oral argument before the district council prior to its rendering a decision. The district council may, in its discretion, grant or deny such request.】

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 1(87) of Chapter 780 of the Laws of Maryland 1959, said section being also Section 70-99 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Montgomery County (1965 Edition, being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Montgomery County," subtitle "Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission," subheading "Article III. Maryland-Washington Regional District," and Section 59-93 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "Park and Planning Commission," subheading "Regional District," be and it is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 14, 1969.

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CHAPTER 712

(House Bill 965)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 175 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Calvert County (1963 Edition, being Article 5 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Calvert County," subtitle "Fire Companies and Fair Board," last amended by Chapter 272 of the Acts of 1965; to amend the