

with such other members as may be appointed pursuant to this subsection. One of the persons so selected shall be designated by the appointing authorities as Chairman of the Commission. In appointing the members of the Commission, the appointing authorities shall endeavor to select those whose devotion of 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 fifteen (15) members herein provided, the County Commissioners, State Senator and members of the House of Delegates shall serve *as ex-officio*, non-voting members of the Commission and render advisory assistance thereto. Any vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the appointing authorities and the appointing authorities may increase the membership to not more than twenty-one (21) persons.

(b) The Commission shall examine the existing structure and form of the county government 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] , and 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.]

[(c) For these purposes the Commission is to be appointed by September 1, 1966 and is directed to hold its first meeting not later than October 1, 1966.]

[(d)] (c) 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] *February 1, 1970*. 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.

[(e)] (d) The Board of County Commissioners is directed to provide the Commission with such assistance and funds as may be required MAY PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH ASSISTANCE AND FUNDS to enable the Commission to carry out its duties under this section.