

"Washington Suburban Transit District," and Section 72-5(a) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Montgomery County (being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland) (1965 Edition) title "Montgomery County," subtitle "Washington Suburban Transit District," be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

83A-5. (a) (72-5(a))

The Commission shall be composed of ~~[six]~~ *seven* members, three to be appointed by the County Council of Montgomery County ~~[and], three by the Board of County Commissioners of Prince George's County [.]~~ *and the Secretary of Transportation who shall be an ex-officio member and who shall be entitled to the same rights of membership as the appointed members.* At least one commissioner from each county shall be appointed from among the members of the County Council and the Board of County Commissioners. The other commissioners may be selected from among the members of the respective governing bodies or may be selected from qualified residents of each county as the County Council and the Board of County Commissioners see fit. Each commissioner who shall be appointed from among the members of the County Council and the Board of County Commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of his respective appointing body. Commissioners who are not appointed from the members of the County Council and the Board of County Commissioners shall be appointed for a period and term of three years, provided, however, that except for Commissioners who have been appointed as of March 15, 1966, and who are not members of the respective governing bodies, Commissioners shall be appointed for a three-year term and period by the respective governing bodies duly elected at the 1966 General Election. Members of the Commission shall serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified. The governing bodies of each of the counties shall inform the Commission of its appointments to and removals from the Commission by delivering to the Commission a certified copy of the resolution or other action making the appointment or causing the removal.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted,* That all persons who are, ~~as of June 30, 1971, members, officers and employees of all boards and commissions included within the Department of Transportation are hereby confirmed in the office, position and classification which they hold as of June 30, 1971, as members, officers and employees of such boards and commissions, except as otherwise provided in this Act or until they retire, resign or are removed as provided by law, or until the terms to which they were appointed expire.~~ **AS OF JUNE 30, 1971, CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF ANY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OFFICES, OR AGENCIES WHICH CONSTITUTE PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SHALL RETAIN THEIR MERIT SYSTEM STATUS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THIS ACT.**

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted,* That all books, papers, files, records, furniture, fixtures, and all other personal property owned by or in the custody, as of June 30, 1971, of any agency abolished by this Act, shall be transferred to and be in the ownership or custody of its successor agency.