

*Charles and St. Mary's Counties in addition to 6 additional members from each county to include three County Commissioners, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, a member of the Economic Development Commission and a member at large each appointed by the State Senators and Delegates representing Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties and the County Commissioners from Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties. THE THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL HAVE BUT ONE VOTE AMONG THEM, TO BE CAST BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR HIS DESIGNEE. Additionally, the Maryland Department of Economic Development and the Maryland State Planning Department shall each be represented on the Council by one non-voting member.*

*The members who hold membership by virtue of their elected or appointed positions shall hold office only during their term of office. The members at large shall serve at the pleasure of elected and otherwise appointed membership of each county.*

*Vacancies on the Council by reason of death, resignation, change of residence or other cause shall be filed for the duration of the unexpired term in the same manner as is provided for the original appointment.*

*Members of the Council shall serve without compensation.*

*(2) Status. The Tri-County Council shall be a public body corporate and politic, and shall operate as a cooperative planning and development agency within the representative counties to foster the physical, economic and social development of the tri-county area and utilize effectively the assistance provided by the State. It shall initiate and coordinate plans and projects for the development of human and economic resources of the Southern Maryland region as a Southern Maryland planning and development agency.*

*The Council will cooperate with the State departments and agencies concerned, including, but not limited to the Department of State Planning, Department of Economic Development, the State Office of Economic Opportunity, the State Roads Commission and the Department of Natural Resources, and submit for approval plans and projects of the Council in which such departments or agencies have statutory functions and responsibilities.*

*(3) Area of Jurisdiction. The area of operation of the Tri-County Council shall be coterminous with the area of the Planning Region as herein defined.*

*(4) Powers and Duties. Without in any manner limiting or restricting the general powers conferred by this act, the Tri-County Council may:*

- (a) adopt and have a common seal and alter the same at pleasure;*
- (b) sue and be sued;*
- (c) adopt bylaws and make rules and regulations for the conduct of its business;*
- (d) make and enter into all contracts or agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties;*