

made in the State Budget for such ensuing fiscal year for an appropriation to partially support the Council; provided however, that the State of Maryland's contribution shall be subject to annual review by the General Assembly.

(11) The Council and its activities may be financed cooperatively by the State of Maryland and Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties and may avail itself of additional funds from any other public or private source.

The County Commissioners of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties are authorized and directed respectively to appropriate annually the following sums for the use of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland: Calvert County, seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00); Charles County, nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00); St. Mary's County, nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00). The sums so appropriated shall be used for the purpose of fostering cooperative planning and development in the tri-county region.

The County Commissioners of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties are authorized to appropriate such other monies as they deem necessary and appropriate in furtherance of this act.

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(1) A regional planning and development area, is hereby established which shall include all of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, herein referred to as the "Tri-County Area," as the planning and development agency for the Tri-County area the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland is established, herein after referred to as "The Council." The membership of the Council will consist of the State Senator(s) and Delegates representing Calvert, 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