

tions concerning the structure or form of the government of Garrett County. The Commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) persons who shall serve without compensation. The Commission shall consist of the following members: The Mayor of each of the following towns or his duly appointed representative: Oakland, Grantsville, Kitzmiller, Accident, Friendsville, Mountain Lake Park, Deer Park, Loch Lynn Heights; and a representative from the Garrett County Farm Bureau; The Deep Creek Lake Promotion Council; The Deep Creek Lake Property Owners' Association; The Garrett County Bar Association; The Junior Chamber of Commerce; and two members to be appointed by the Governor upon the joint recommendation of the State Senator and member of the House of Delegates elected from the County. One of those appointed by the Governor shall be designated as Chairman and the other as Vice-Chairman. In addition to the fifteen (15) members herein provided, the County Commissioners, State Senator from District 1-A and the member from Garrett County in the House of Delegates shall serve as *ex-officio*, non-voting members of the Commission and render advisory assistance thereto.

(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 Garrett 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. 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, adoption of a merit system for county employees, code home rule and any other legal form of government.

(c) For these purposes the Commission is to be appointed immediately and is directed to hold its first meeting not later than thirty days later.

(d) The Commission is directed to report to the County Commissioners, to the State Senator, the member of the House of Delegates and the people of Garrett County on or before January 11, 1971. 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) The Board of County Commissioners is directed to provide the Commission with such assistance and funds as may be required to enable the Commission to carry out its duties under this section.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall expire automatically on January 31, 1971 without further action on the part of the General Assembly and shall be null and void after said date.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 15, 1970