

CHAPTER 696

(House Bill 440)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 336(b), SECTION 336(D) AND SECTION 336(H) of Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1969 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "Parks and Recreation," changing the number of appointments to the Board of Parks and Recreation to be made by the Governor and deleting certain confusing and unnecessary language terms, CHANGING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY APPROPRIATE TO THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION ANNUALLY FROM NOT LESS THAN \$40,000 TO AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT, AND REQUIRING THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET AND AN ANNUAL CERTIFIED AUDIT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT SPECIFIED TIMES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 336(b), SECTION 336(D) AND SECTION 336(H) of Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1969 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "Parks and Recreation," be and it is THEY ARE hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments and to read as follows:

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(b) The Board shall consist of seven members of whom one shall be selected by the Board of Education of Charles County, ~~one~~ TWO shall be selected by the County Commissioners, ~~one by the Physical Fitness Commission,~~ one by the Charles County Chamber of Commerce, and ~~[four]~~ three by the Governor. All members of the Board shall be appointed for four years from the first day of January of the year of their appointments, or until their successors are appointed. ~~[The members of the Board, when first appointed, shall be divided into three classes, two of the members being in each of two classes and three members in a third class. The initial terms of those in the first class shall be four years; of those in the second class, three years; and of those in the third class, two years.]~~ Vacancies, except those at the expiration of a term, shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments and for the unexpired term. All members of the Board shall serve without compensation, except that they may be reimbursed for necessary and proper expenses incurred while performing their duties thereon.

(D) THE BOARD WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MAY ACCEPT REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ALL KINDS, SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC PARKS, OPEN SPACE PROGRAMS, AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, LEGAL TITLE TO WHICH SHALL ALWAYS BE IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPROPRIATE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY ~~[NOT LESS THAN \$40,000]~~ A SUM OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD, TO PAY THE SALARY OF THE DIRECTOR, TO PURCHASE LAND, CON-