

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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CHAPTER 884

(House Bill 1590)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 70-16 of the Montgomery County Code (1965 Edition, as amended) and Section 59-12 of the Prince George's County Code (1963 Edition, as amended), being also Articles 16 and 17 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland titled "Montgomery County" and "Prince George's County," respectively, subtitled "The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission," to allow for members of the Merit Board to continue to serve beyond their term until a successor is duly appointed, and to provide for four-year terms of members effective July 1, 1973.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 70-16 of the Montgomery County Code (1965 Edition, as amended) and Section 59-12 of the Prince George's County Code (1963 Edition, as amended) being also Articles 16 and 17 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland titled "Montgomery County" and "Prince George's County," respectively, subtitled "The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) For the purpose of making and adopting the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, there is created the Merit System Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The Board shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Commission all of whom shall be residents of the Maryland-Washington Regional District and no more than two members from any one county[.], EXCEPT THAT NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL BE DEEMED TO REQUIRE THAT APPOINTMENTS BE MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROTATING MAJORITY MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD BETWEEN RESIDENTS OF THOSE PORTIONS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LYING WITHIN THE DISTRICT. [The three members] MEMBERS of the Board [shall be appointed as of July 1, 1969. Of the persons first appointed, one shall have a term of one year, one shall have a term of two years, one shall have a term of three years, all dating from July 1, 1969. As of July 1, 1970; July 1, 1971 and July 1, 1972, and each three years thereafter a person shall be appointed for a term of three years.] APPOINTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1973, SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF THEIR THREE YEAR TERMS. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1973, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. Vacancies of the Board shall be filled in the same manner as for the making of original appointments. One member of the Board shall be named by the Commission as Chairman and shall serve as Chairman at the pleasure of the Commission. If by August 1, 1969, or in any year thereafter the appointments of any of the members required herein have not been made as provided herein, on or after August 1, the Governor of Maryland shall appoint one or more persons to