

## COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

## 77-23. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE THE PUBLIC POLICY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION OR PREJUDICE OF ANY FORM THAT MAY EXIST ON ACCOUNT OF SEX; TO FULLY UTILIZE THE POTENTIAL OF EACH CITIZEN, REGARDLESS OF SEX, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE OUR DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE; AND TO PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL CITIZENS, REGARDLESS OF SEX, IN EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND BEFORE THE LAW.

## 77-24. COMMISSION FOR WOMEN.

(A) CREATION AND COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS; CHAIRMAN. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A COMMISSION FOR WOMEN. THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF FIFTEEN (15) MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL. MEMBERSHIP SHALL CONSIST OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO REPRESENT A BROAD CROSS SECTION OF THE CITIZENRY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY. NINE (9) MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM AMONG THOSE APPLICANTS WHO HAVE BEEN NOMINATED AND RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENT BY ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY WHOSE INTERESTS RELATE TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN. SIX (6) MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM AMONG THOSE APPLICANTS APPLYING ON THEIR OWN BEHALF. THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS AS CHAIRMAN AND ANOTHER AS VICE CHAIRMAN, EACH TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION, AND SUCH OTHER OFFICERS AS IT SHALL DETERMINE. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL SERVE AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. ANY CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE AND SPECIAL TAXING AREA IN THE COUNTY MAY APPOINT ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION.

(B) TERMS; VACANCIES; REAPPOINTMENTS. THE TERM OF OFFICE OF EACH OF THE APPOINTIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE FOR THREE YEARS. OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED, FIVE (5) SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR TERMS WHICH WILL EXPIRE IN ONE (1) YEAR, THREE (3) OF WHOM SHALL BE NOMINEES OF COUNTY-WIDE ORGANIZATIONS AND TWO (2) OF WHOM SHALL BE INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS; THE SAME SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR TERMS WHICH SHALL EXPIRE IN TWO (2) YEARS; AND THE SAME FOR TERMS WHICH SHALL EXPIRE IN THREE (3) YEARS. VACANCIES SHALL BE