

Maryland, within the boundaries specified hereinbelow in this [subheading] TITLE is continued under a corporate agency for the purposes set forth in this subheading and elsewhere in this subtitle. It is the same DISTRICT AND corporate agency as was created by Chapter 714 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1939 and continued by Chapter 992 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1943[.], AND CHAPTER 780 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND OF 1959. It shall be known as the Maryland-Washington Regional District, and hereafter in this [subheading] SUBTITLE, it may be referred to as the "Regional District" or as "District."

[57.] 7-103.

(a) Montgomery County. The entire area of Montgomery County is within the Regional District, subject to the provisions of [Section 59] TITLE 7-105.

(b) Prince George's County. The entire area of Prince George's County is within the Regional District, with the exception, however, of the Town of Laurel, as its corporate boundaries are defined as of April 24, 1961. No municipal corporation within the areas added by this subsection to the Maryland-Washington Regional District [shall] MAY be authorized, by means of an amendment to its charter or otherwise, to exercise any of the powers relating to planning, subdivision control and/or zoning now or hereafter granted by the [said] Maryland-Washington Capital Park and Planning Commission or the County Commissioners of Prince George's County. If this subsection [shall] for any reason [be] IS held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, it is hereby declared to be the intention of the General Assembly that this subsection is severable and that the remaining portions of this subsection would have been enacted without the invalid portions.

[58.] 7-104.

(a) Authorized. Any area in Prince George's County within any one election district [and] which [area] abuts territory within the Regional District may be annexed to the Commission and included within the boundaries of the Regional District, subject to laws and provisions appertaining thereto by ordinance adopted by the County [Commissioners] COUNCIL of Prince George's County, AND subject to the conditions hereinafter stated.

(b) Petition to initiate proposal. The proposal for such inclusion shall be initiated by a written petition, signed by not less than [twenty-five per centum