

of the Commission, not appointed by the County Commissioners, shall serve for terms of four years each from June 1, 1963, and all members shall serve without compensation, and the Commission shall file with the County Commissioners no less than annually a comprehensive report covering its activities. One member shall serve for a period of four [(4)] years, one for a period of three [(3)] years, one for a period of two [(2)] years and one for a period of one [(1)] year[, and as]. AS terms expire, the County Commissioners shall fill the vacancy and [such] THE appointee shall serve for a period of four [(4)] years provided that should there be a vacancy prior to the expiration of a term, the Commissioners shall fill [said] THE vacancy for the unexpired term. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPOINT ANY ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, WHEN AUTHORIZED, TO A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, COMMENCING ON JUNE 1.]

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF 11 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MINORITY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES. WHERE POSSIBLE, ONE MEMBER SHALL BE CHOSEN FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING: CATHOLIC CLERGY, MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION. THE COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AND ALL MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION. THE COMMISSION SHALL FILE WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NO LESS OFTEN THAN ANNUALLY A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT COVERING ITS ACTIVITIES.

(C) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE FOR AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE COMMISSION TO ACCOMPLISH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

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CHAPTER 715

(House Bill 958)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - Open Public Meetings

FOR the purpose of providing that in St. Mary's County meetings of certain public agencies and their staffs are open to the public; providing definitions;