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(A) THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH A COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS, EACH OF WHOM SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED, ONE SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, THREE SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND THREE SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS.

(B) A MEMBER MAY BE APPOINTED FROM LISTS SUPPLIED TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL BY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, RETIRED WOMEN, AND OTHER CITIZENS' GROUPS WHICH HAVE A RECORD OF SUPPORT FOR THE STATUS OF WOMEN. THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL INCLUDE A CROSS SECTION OF INDIVIDUALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF AGENCIES AND GROUPS IN THE COUNTY INVOLVED WITH THE CONCERNS AND ISSUES AFFECTING WOMEN. A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS SHALL BE WOMEN OF THE COUNTY.

(C) THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER, EACH TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR OR UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION. AN OFFICER MAY NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THE SAME OFFICE. OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING OR WHEN A VACANCY OTHERWISE OCCURS.

(D) THE COMMISSION MAY: (1) ADVISE AND ASSIST IN THE COORDINATION OF GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS; (2) DEVELOP PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESOURCES TO ALLOW FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN ALL ACTIVITIES WITH DIGNITY AND MEANING; (3) STRENGTHEN HOME LIFE BY DIRECTING ATTENTION TO CRITICAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING WOMEN AS WIVES, MOTHERS, HOMEMAKERS, AND WORKERS; (4) RECOMMEND METHODS OF OVERCOMING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT, AND ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO BECOME CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE; (5) PROMOTE MORE EFFECTIVE METHODS FOR ENABLING WOMEN TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION, AND BE RETRAINED; (6) SECURE APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION OF WOMEN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS COUNTY; AND (7) WORK TO DEVELOP HEALTHY ATTITUDES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMISSION'S RESPONSIBILITIES. THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(E) THE COMMISSION MEMBERS SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION. THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY BUDGET FUNDS FOR CLERICAL ASSISTANCE, STATIONERY, AND POSTAGE AS NECESSARY TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN THE NORMAL PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

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