

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 11 - Frederick County

13-14.

In order to assist the county roads engineer in [formulating] PLANNING road [maintenance and construction] programs, a county roads board for the county is hereby created. The appointed members of the board shall advise the county commissioners [as to any and all matters pertaining to the county roads, including but not limited to matters concerning the] IN planning[, construction, repair and maintenance of county roads or the need thereof] ROAD PROGRAMS.

13-15.

The county roads board shall consist of [eight] FIVE members, [five of whom] WHO shall serve without salary for [a term beginning May 1, 1950, and which shall be constituted as follows: One for a term of one year; one for a term of two years; one for a term of three years; one for a term of four years and one for a term of five years. The remaining three members shall be the county commissioners. The president of the county commissioners shall be ex officio chairman of the county roads board] 5-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS. THE FIRST APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE FOR TERMS OF 1 TO 5 YEARS AND THEREAFTER MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR 5-YEAR TERMS. THE TERMS OF THE PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE ROADS BOARD SHALL EXPIRE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, PROVIDED THAT PRESENT MEMBERS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT. A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE AN ADDITIONAL NONVOTING, EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE ROADS BOARD. THE MEMBERS OF THE ROADS BOARD SHALL SELECT A CHAIRMAN.

[At the expiration of the terms of office of the five original appointed members, their successors shall be appointed by the county commissioners to serve for terms of five years each. The county commissioners, in making appointments, shall appoint persons solely because of their character and fitness. Beginning with the year 1951, the county commissioners shall make appointments so that not more than three of the appointed members on the county roads board shall be of the same political party.] Appointments shall be made so that one member of the county roads board shall be appointed from each of five geographical areas composed as follows:

(a) The election districts of Brunswick, Petersville, Jefferson, Ballenger, Buckeystown and Urbana.