

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 18 - Queen Anne's County

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(A)[At the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, there shall be elected three County Commissioners for Queen Anne's County, and thereafter the number of County Commissioners for said Queen Anne's County shall be three, and there shall be elected at] AT every general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in 1982 AND every fourth year THEREAFTER [thereafter three], FIVE County Commissioners for Queen Anne's County SHALL BE ELECTED, and the County Commissioners [so] elected shall hold their office for the term of four years from the date of their election, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified, and they shall be eligible for re-election.

(B) QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS, AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE FIRST COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT IS COMPOSED OF THE FIRST, SIXTH, AND SEVENTH ELECTION DISTRICTS;

(2) THE SECOND COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT IS COMPOSED OF THE SECOND AND THIRD ELECTION DISTRICTS;

(3) THE THIRD COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT IS COMPOSED OF THE FIFTH ELECTION DISTRICT; AND

(4) THE FOURTH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT IS COMPOSED OF THE FOURTH ELECTION DISTRICT.

(C) BY A GENERAL VOTE OF THE COUNTY, ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHALL BE ELECTED FROM AMONG THE VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN THE FIRST COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT, ONE SHALL BE ELECTED FROM AMONG THE VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN THE SECOND COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT, ONE SHALL BE ELECTED FROM AMONG THE VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN THE THIRD COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT, ONE SHALL BE ELECTED FROM AMONG THE VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN THE FOURTH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT, AND ONE SHALL BE ELECTED FROM AMONG THE VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY AT LARGE.

(D) ALTHOUGH FOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO RESIDE IN SPECIFIED COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS, ALL SHALL BE ELECTED ON A COUNTYWIDE BASIS.