

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments

499.

(a) A body corporate and politic to be known as "The Central Maryland Cultural Commission" is authorized to be created by all of the public sector representatives of the political subdivisions of the Baltimore region. It shall be an agency of the Regional Planning Council, an instrument of this State and a public corporation by that name, style, and title. It may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and complain and defend in all courts of law and equity.

(b) The Commission shall have a Board of Directors, as established below.

(1) The Mayor of the City of Baltimore, the County Executives of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, and Howard Counties, the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County, and the chairman of the Regional Planning Council shall each be a member of the Board. Each of these officers may nominate, constitute, and appoint a permanent alternate to serve in the absence of that member. These officers are authorized by unanimous agreement to create this Commission.

(2) The Governor shall appoint one public member to the Board, and this member shall have an interest in the cultural activities of the region and be a resident of the region.

(3) [The Speaker of the House shall appoint a member of the House of Delegates to the Board and the President of the Senate shall appoint a member of the Senate to the Board. Both the Delegate and the Senator shall be representatives of legislative districts within the region.

(4)] The chairperson of the advisory council shall be a member of the Board.

[(5)] (4) The Regional Planning Council shall select from among its membership one person who shall be a member of the Board.

[(6)] (5) The Secretary of State Planning, the Secretary of Economic and Community Development, the Chairman of the Maryland Arts Council, and the members of the Cultural Advisory Council shall serve as ex officio members of the Board and may appoint alternates to serve in