

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That upon the appointment and organization of said Commission, it shall make a study of the Annapolis Neck Peninsula. The study shall encompass all factors associated with the concept of establishing an independent political subdivision on the peninsula which would provide all municipal services to the residents of the peninsula as are now provided to citizens of the City of Annapolis by the City and to citizens outside of the City by Anne Arundel County. The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than October 1, 1983.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if the General Assembly has not acted with regard to these recommendations by the adjournment of the 1984 Session, then the Commission shall make a study of the territory adjacent to the City of Annapolis and determine, by a majority vote, the area, if any, which shall be proposed for annexation to the City of Annapolis. If the total population of this area does not exceed 75 percent of the average size of the existing wards of the City according to the 1980 census, the Commission shall establish boundaries of the existing wards, adjacent to the area proposed for annexation which incorporates the proposed area. If the total population of the area exceeds this size, the area shall be divided into wards of approximately the same area and population density as are now established in the City of Annapolis. Any new ward or wards may be represented by one Alderman in the same manner as the existing Mayor and Aldermen of Annapolis is now constituted, and the Alderman may sit as an Alderman and receive the same compensation as is now provided.

SECTION 4 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Commission shall make a study of: (a) the assessable basis of the area to be annexed, (b) the local obligations outstanding of the area; (c) the increase in cost of providing city services in the area, (d) the possible effect on the City tax rate and, (e) any other financial problems which may be presented to the Commission. The Commission shall make its recommendations to the Mayor and Aldermen not later than December 1, 1984 1983. The Mayor and Aldermen shall then enact ordinances as advisable to provide the proposed City services in the new area, the proposed City tax rate, and any other legislation advisable in the event the annexation is consummated. The Mayor and Aldermen shall provide a sum sufficient to pay the costs of a special election to be held in the area to be annexed, and shall ordain that the area shall be annexed to the City of Annapolis if the qualified voters of the new area determine by ballot.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That as seen as practicable after the enactment of the ordinances under Section 4 of this Act, the Commission shall proceed to hold