

(2) THE COUNTY--COMMISSIONERS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ESTABLISH COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL IN POPULATION AND REASONABLY COMPACT AND CONSIST OF CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY. DUE REGARD SHALL BE GIVEN TO DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS AND TO NATURAL BOUNDARIES AND THE BOUNDARIES OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

(d) Although County Commissioner candidates are required to reside in specified County Commissioner Districts, they shall be elected on a countywide basis.

(e) The five County Commissioners shall be residents of their respective County Commissioner Districts and of Dorchester County for 1 year prior to election to office.

(F) OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ONE SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH OF THE COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION OR ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AS THE CASE MAY BE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act does the provisions of this Act creating 5 County Commissioner Districts do not affect the members of the Board of County Commissioners during their current terms of office.--The--changes in--election-districts,--and-in-the-number-of-County-Commissioners to-be-elected-from-these-districts, and shall apply beginning with the term of the County Commissioners beginning next after the election to be held in 1986.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 6-1(b) as enacted by this Act creating the 5 County Commissioner Districts shall apply to the election to be held in 1986 and Section 6-1(c) as enacted by this Act establishing and reestablishing the County Commissioner Districts according to the decennial census shall apply beginning with the decennial census in 1990.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before this Act becomes effective it shall first be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Dorchester County at the general election to be held in November of 1984. The Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Dorchester County shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for and hold the referendum here required. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this election the title of this Act and underneath the title, on separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the words: "For Revised Commissioner Districts" and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against Revised Commissioner Districts" so that each voter of the county may designate his or her decision for or against the provisions