

- CULTURE;
- (2) THE COMMISSION ON AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY AND
  - (3) THE COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS;
  - (4) THE MARYLAND ETHNIC HERITAGE COMMISSION; AND
  - (5) THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST.

Subtitle [6.] 2. St. Mary's City Commission

[14-601.] 5-201.

The St. Mary's City Commission is created for the purposes of preserving, developing, and maintaining historic St. Mary's City, and with the membership, powers, and duties here provided. The St. Mary's City Commission shall be under the jurisdiction of the Department [of Economic and Community Development].

[14-602.] 5-202.

The purposes of the St. Mary's City Commission are declared to be for the general benefit of the citizens of the State [of Maryland] and are charitable and educational in nature. The Commission is a body politic and corporate to be known as the "St. Mary's City Commission." It is a public agency and instrumentality of the Department [of Economic and Community Development of the State of Maryland] and shall have perpetual existence, subject to modification or abolition by the General Assembly when and if its substantial purposes cease.

[14-603.] 5-203.

The powers and duties of the St. Mary's City Commission are vested in and shall be exercised by a body of nine Commissioners. The Commissioners shall be appointed by the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development], with the approval of the Governor, for terms of five years each[, except that, one of the two Commissioners appointed in 1978, for a term of four years]. Any Commissioner may be appointed to a succeeding term. If a Commissioner for any reason fails to serve or to complete any term, a successor shall be appointed for the remainder of the term. Commissioners shall be selected on the basis of ability, public spirit, and historical and professional interest; and the membership of the Commission at all times shall include not fewer than six residents of the State [of Maryland], and not fewer than three residents of St. Mary's County.

[14-604.] 5-204.

Each Commissioner shall be paid \$25 per diem for each day or part of day spent on Commission business, and shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred while actually engaged in the performance