

the composition and election of the Board of County Commissioners of Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Charles County
Section 25
Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1969 Edition and 1977 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 9 - Charles County

25.

(A) There shall be [three] 5 County Commissioners for Charles County [who], 4 OF WHOM SHALL BE ELECTED AT-LARGE, WITH ONE EACH RESIDING IN EACH OF THE 4 COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY. THE FIFTH SHALL HOLD THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MAY RESIDE IN ANY AREA OF THE COUNTY AND SHALL BE ELECTED AT-LARGE. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS shall be elected at the General Election held in 1962 and every four years thereafter, for terms of four years. The term of the Commissioners shall begin on the first Tuesday of December following the General Election or as soon afterwards as certified by the Governor.

(B) (1) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1989, THE CHARLES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE 28TH DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION SHALL APPOINT A 5-MEMBER DISTRICTING BOARD.

(2) THE DISTRICTING BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF 1 APPOINTEE OF EACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND 2 APPOINTEES OF THE 28TH DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION. NONE SHALL BE EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY. THE DISTRICTING BOARD SHALL CONVENE NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER APPOINTMENT TO ORGANIZE AND ELECT A CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

(3) BY JULY 1, 1989, THE DISTRICTING BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH THE TENTATIVE BOUNDARIES OF THE 4 COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION AND INVESTIGATION WITHIN REASONABLE AND LAWFUL GUIDELINES. THE DISTRICTING BOARD SHALL GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO ELECTION DISTRICT LINES, AS WELL AS TO DEMOGRAPHICS AND GEOGRAPHY. THE DISTRICTING BOARD SHALL SET AND CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS IN EACH OF THE PROPOSED 4 COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS AFTER TENTATIVE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES HAVE BEEN DRAWN AND DEFINED. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS GIVING TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN 2 COUNTY NEWSPAPERS 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. AFTER ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS HAVE BEEN HELD AND A FINAL DRAFT OF THE DISTRICTING PLAN HAS BEEN