

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

Article 78D - Regional Planning Council

3.

As the planning agency for this area the [Regional Planning] ~~METROPOLITAN-BALTIMORE-PLANNING-AND-DEVELOPMENT-Council~~ BALTIMORE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS is established, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "The Council."

3A.

The [Regional Planning] ~~METROPOLITAN-BALTIMORE-PLANNING--AND-DEVELOPMENT--Council~~ BALTIMORE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS is an independent unit and may not be placed by the Governor in any principal department.

5.

The members of said [Regional Planning] ~~METROPOLITAN BALTIMORE-PLANNING-AND--DEVELOPMENT--Council~~ BALTIMORE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS shall serve for a term of four years each, except that members of the respective legislative bodies and others holding membership by virtue of their other elected or appointed positions shall hold office only during their terms of office; and except that the four appointees of the Governor shall serve at his pleasure. Appointments by the Governor shall be made not later than June first of the year in which he begins a term of office. Members of the [Regional Planning] ~~METROPOLITAN BALTIMORE--PLANNING--AND--DEVELOPMENT--Council~~ BALTIMORE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS may be reappointed without limitation. If any member of The Council is absent from three consecutive meetings of The Council without an excuse accepted by The Council, the absences shall be reported to the appointing authority.

7.

The members of the [Regional Planning] ~~METROPOLITAN BALTIMORE--PLANNING--AND--DEVELOPMENT--Council~~ BALTIMORE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred while engaged in the performance of their duties in accordance with the standard travel regulations.

8.

The Governor of the State shall appoint the chairman of the [Regional Planning] ~~METROPOLITAN---BALTIMORE---PLANNING---AND-DEVELOPMENT-Council~~ BALTIMORE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS from its membership. The members of The Council shall elect a