

EXPLANATION: Section 21-101(b) requires that county advisory councils on vocational-technical education include a specified number of members, which varies based on the population of the county. Staff recommends that the statutory minimum be repealed and each county board of education be given discretion in establishing the appropriate council size.

Article – Environment

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(b) Except as provided in § 9-515 of this subtitle, each county governing body shall review its county plan at least once every [2] 3 years in accordance with a schedule set by the Department.

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(b) The county council of each county shall at least once every [2] 3 years:

- (1) Prepare a county plan;
- (2) Prepare, review, and revise, as the county council considers necessary, a separate statement of objectives and policies to be achieved and implemented by the county plan in the county; and
- (3) Consider the following in the statements of objectives and policies of the county plans:
 - (i) Planning;
 - (ii) Zoning;
 - (iii) Population estimates;
 - (iv) Engineering;
 - (v) Economics; and
 - (vi) State, regional, municipal, local, and area plans.

EXPLANATION: Section 9-503(b) of the Environment Article requires counties to conduct at least a biennial review of their ten-year plans concerning water and sewage systems and solid waste facilities. Staff recommends this requirement be modified to require review at least every three years. The Department of the Environment has agreed with this change; the triennial review would be consistent with the review of several other programs under the Department of the Environment. Section 9-515(b) of the Environment Article is modified for consistency.

~~Article – Tax – Property~~

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