

**Article 8 - Cecil County**

15-1.

There shall be five (5) County Commissioners for Cecil County.

15-2.

The Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County shall be elected by the voters of the county at large and hold office in accordance with the following provisions:

A. (1) The county shall be divided into five (5) Commissioner Districts.

(2) Following the decennial census of the United States in 2000, there shall be established a Commissioner District Committee to issue recommendations on the boundaries of five Commissioner Districts to the General Assembly.

(3) The Commissioner District Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, with three (3) members appointed by the County Democratic Central Committee, three (3) members appointed by the County Republican Central Committee, and one (1) member who shall be appointed by the County Board of Supervisors of Elections.

(4) The members of the Commissioner District Committee shall elect one of the members as Chairman of the Commissioner District Committee.

(5) By December 31, 2001, the Commissioner District Committee shall issue recommendations to the General Assembly on the boundaries of five Commissioner Districts that are of substantially equal population based on the 2000 census data.

B. One (1) Commissioner shall be elected from each Commissioner District.

C. A person may not be eligible as a candidate for County Commissioner unless he is a resident of the Commissioner District at the time of nomination and election.

D. (1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS (2) THROUGH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FIVE (5) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ELECTED AT-LARGE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER, 2002.

(2) IN AN AT-LARGE ELECTION FOR A SPECIFIC COUNTY COMMISSIONER POSITION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE CANDIDATE WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THAT COMMISSIONER DISTRICT AND WHO RECEIVES THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE AT-LARGE ELECTION SHALL BE ELECTED.

(3) TWO (2) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ELECTED AT-LARGE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2002, AND WHO RESIDE IN COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS 1 AND 2, SHALL EACH HOLD OFFICE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.

(4) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER POSITIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ELECTED AT-LARGE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE