

(3) THE STATE BUDGET, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SHALL PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$200,000 IN THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR FOR PARTIAL SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

(B) (1) THE COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES MAY BE FINANCED COOPERATIVELY BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND SOMERSET, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

(2) THE COUNCIL MAY RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCES.

(3) THE GOVERNING BODIES OF SOMERSET, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES ANNUALLY SHALL APPROPRIATE AT LEAST \$10,000 EACH FOR THE USE OF THE COUNCIL TO FOSTER COOPERATIVE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION.

(4) OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY THAT IS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE COUNCIL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to confer any land use regulation or zoning authority to the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

SECTION 2-3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 528

(House Bill 1088)

AN ACT concerning

Upper Eastern Shore Mid-Shore Regional Council

FOR the purpose of adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland to be designated and known as the "Upper Eastern Shore Mid-Shore Regional Council"; establishing the Council as an association of local governments from a regional planning and development agency for Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties to facilitate regional planning and development where the counties are located; providing for the function and dissolution of the Council; providing for the membership of the Council; providing for the terms of the members of the Council; prohibiting a member from receiving compensation; specifying that membership on the Council does not constitute an office of profit; authorizing the Council to employ a council