

1-106.

(A) THE COUNCIL MAY SELECT AND RETAIN ITS OWN LEGAL COUNSEL.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, ON REQUEST OF THE COUNCIL, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND ~~SHALL~~ MAY SERVE AS LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE COUNCIL IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES.

~~1-106.~~ 1-107.

THE COUNCIL IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT AND MAY NOT BE PLACED BY THE GOVERNOR IN ANY PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT.

TITLE 2. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES.

SUBTITLE 1. MEMBERSHIP.

2-101.

(A) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FROM CAROLINE, DORCHESTER, AND TALBOT COUNTIES:

(1) ~~NINE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS~~ COMMISSIONERS, THREE FROM EACH COUNTY, APPOINTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTY GOVERNING BODIES AS VOTING MEMBERS;

(2) THREE COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS, ONE FROM EACH COUNTY, AS NONVOTING EX OFFICIO MEMBERS;

(3) (I) THREE MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, ONE FROM EACH COUNTY, APPOINTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AS VOTING MEMBERS; OR

(II) IF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS LOCATED IN A COUNTY ARE UNABLE TO CHOOSE A MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIAL WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME, THE EASTERN SHORE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION SHALL APPOINT AN ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL TO REPRESENT THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION;

(4) MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING THE REGION WHO HAVE A MAJORITY OF THEIR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE REGION AS VOTING EX OFFICIO MEMBERS;

(5) MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING THE REGION WHO DO NOT HAVE A MAJORITY OF THEIR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE REGION AS NONVOTING EX OFFICIO MEMBERS; AND

(6) SUCH THE ~~OTHER COUNTY~~ COMMISSIONERS AS NONVOTING EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.

(B) (1) A ~~COUNCIL~~ VOTING COMMISSIONER ~~OR ADMINISTRATOR OF A COUNTY~~ LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) ~~AND (2)~~ OF THIS SECTION MAY DESIGNATE ANOTHER COMMISSIONER OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPRESENTING THE SAME COUNTY TO VOTE BY PROXY ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER