

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

Article 20C - Mid-Shore Regional Council

2-101.

(a) The membership of the Council consists of the following members from Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot counties:

(1) ~~[Nine]~~ **SIX COUNCILMEMBERS OR** commissioners, ~~[three]~~ **TWO** 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) The other **COUNCILMEMBERS OR** commissioners as nonvoting ex officio members.

(b) (1) A voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner listed under subsection (a)(1) of this section may designate another **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner or county administrator representing the same county to vote by proxy on behalf of the voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner when the voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner is absent from a meeting.

(2) A voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner listed under subsection (a)(1) of this section shall inform the council executive director, in advance, of which other council members the voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner