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(A) THERE IS A HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO GRANT THE COMMISSION BROAD AUTHORITY OVER ITS PLANS, PROPOSALS, AND PROJECTS. HOWEVER, A DECISION OR DETERMINATION THAT THE COMMISSION MAKES UNDER AUTHORITY SPECIFICALLY DELEGATED TO IT BY LAW SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE BY THE SECRETARY, WHICH SHALL NOT BE UNREASONABLY WITHHELD.

(C) THE POWER OF THE SECRETARY TO TRANSFER STAFF OR FUNCTIONS OF UNITS IN THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY STAFF OF THE COMMISSION.

[5-202.

The purposes of the St. Mary's City Commission are declared to be for the general benefit of the citizens of the State and are charitable and educational in nature. The Commission is a body politic and corporate to be known as the "St. Mary's City Commission." It is a public agency and instrumentality of the Department and shall have perpetual existence, subject to modification or abolition by the General Assembly when and if its substantial purposes cease.]

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THE PURPOSE OF THE HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION IS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORIC AREAS OF ST. MARY'S CITY, TO INTERPRET FINDINGS RELATED TO THE HISTORY OF ST. MARY'S CITY, AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE HISTORICAL EVENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN, OR WERE RELATED TO, ST. MARY'S CITY.

[5-203.

The powers and duties of the St. Mary's City Commission are vested in and shall be exercised by a body of nine Commissioners. The Commissioners shall be appointed by the Secretary, with the approval of the Governor, for terms of five years each. Any Commissioner may be appointed to a succeeding term. If a Commissioner for any reason fails to serve or to complete any term, a successor shall be appointed for the remainder of the term. Commissioners shall be selected on the basis of ability, public spirit, and historical and professional interest; and the membership of the Commission at all times shall include not fewer than six residents of the State, and not fewer than three residents of St. Mary's County.]

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(A) THE HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION CONSISTS OF 13 VOTING MEMBERS.

(B) OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS: