

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

ARTICLE 78D - BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

1.

IN THIS ARTICLE, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL.

2.

(A) A BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC TO BE KNOWN AS THE "BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL" IS CREATED.

(B) THE COUNCIL IS NOT AN AGENCY OF THE STATE.

(C) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

(1) SERVE AS A FORUM FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS PROBLEMS IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN REGION;

(2) PROVIDE A CENTRAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND COORDINATION FOR FASHIONING RESPONSES TO NEEDS IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN REGION; AND

(3) ASSIST GENERALLY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS IN DEVELOPING REGIONAL POLICIES, PRIORITIZING REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS, AND DEVELOPING REGIONAL STRATEGIES IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN REGION.

3.

(A) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF ~~6~~ THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED AS ~~FOLLOWS~~ PROVIDED:

(1) ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

(2) ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY;

(3) ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF HARFORD COUNTY;

(4) ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF HOWARD COUNTY;

(5) ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE; ~~AND~~

(6) ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY; AND