

(4) Commissioner District No. 4 is composed of Fork, Vienna, Drawbridge, Bucktown, Linkwood, Salem and Elliott Districts.

(5) Commissioner District No. 5 is composed of East New Market, Williamsburg and Hurlock Districts].

(2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS ARE THOSE PRESCRIBED IN THE CONSENT DECREE INCLUDED AS APPENDIX A TO THIS CHAPTER UNTIL ALTERED UNDER SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION.

C. Establishment of districts.

(1) Following each decennial census, the [General Assembly, by law,] COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BY RESOLUTION, shall establish new County Commissioner districts which shall become effective for the term of Commissioners beginning next after the report of the census.

(2) The [General Assembly] COUNTY COMMISSIONERS shall establish Commissioner districts which are substantially equal in population and reasonably compact and consist of contiguous territory. Due regard shall be given to demographic characteristics and to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions.

D. [Although County Commissioner candidates are required to reside in specified County Commissioner districts, they shall be elected on a county-wide basis.

E.] The County Commissioners shall be residents of their respective County Commissioner districts and of Dorchester County for [one (1)] 1 year prior to election to office.

[F.] E. Of the County Commissioners, [one (1)] 1 shall be elected [from] BY THE LEGALLY QUALIFIED VOTERS OF each of the Commissioner districts set forth in Subsection B of this section or established under Subsection C of this section, as the case may be.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 10-1C as enacted by this Act providing for the establishment of new County Commissioner districts according to the decennial census shall apply beginning with the 1990 decennial census.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

Approved May 12, 1992.