

(B) STATUS.

(1) THE COUNCIL IS A TAX-EXEMPT BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE.

(2) THE COUNCIL IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT PLACE IN A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT.

(C) PURPOSES.

(1) THE COUNCIL IS A COOPERATIVE REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT FOR THE REGION.

(2) THE PURPOSES OF THE COUNCIL ARE TO:

(I) FOSTER THE PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION; AND

(II) USE EFFECTIVELY THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE REGION BY THE STATE.

(3) THE COUNCIL INITIATES AND COORDINATES PLANS AND PROJECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES OF THE REGION AS A WESTERN MARYLAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 20A, §§ 1-106, 1-101(a) and (b), and 1-103(a).

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the former word "public" is deleted as implicit in the reference to a "body politic and corporate".

In subsection (c)(1) and (2) of this section, the defined term "region" is substituted for the former references to an "area" for clarity and consistency.

In subsection (c)(1) and (3) of this section, the term "unit" is substituted for the former term "agency" for consistency within this article. See General Revisor's Note to article.

Defined terms: "Council" § 13-701

"Region" § 13-701

"State" § 9-101

13-703. MEMBERSHIP.

(A) COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT.

THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 23 MEMBERS:

(1) FROM ALLEGANY, GARRETT, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES:

(I) NINE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS, THREE FROM EACH COUNTY, APPOINTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONERS; AND

(II) THREE MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, ONE FROM EACH COUNTY, APPOINTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONERS;