

## CHAPTER 573

(Senate Bill 834)

AN ACT to repeal ~~Section~~ SECTIONS 1231½ AND 123A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Calvert County (1963 Edition, being Article 5 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Calvert County," subtitle "County Commissioners," as added by Chapter 586 AND AMENDED BY CHAPTER 584, RESPECTIVELY, of the Acts of 1966; and to enact new Section 1231½ in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the ~~section~~ SECTIONS so repealed; to repeal ~~Section~~ SECTIONS 54A AND 56 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1969 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "County Commissioners"; and to enact new Section 54A in lieu thereof to stand in the place of the ~~section~~ SECTIONS so repealed; and to repeal ~~Section~~ SECTIONS 41 AND 52A of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "County Commissioners," as AMENDED BY CHAPTER 584 AND added by Chapter 586, RESPECTIVELY, of the Acts of 1966, and to enact new Section 52A in lieu thereof to stand in the place of the ~~section~~ SECTIONS so repealed, to establish a tri-county council in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, to provide for its membership, TO PROVIDE FOR HOW THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE, prescribe its duties, provide for its funding, and relating generally to a Tri-County Council for Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties.

WHEREAS, The inclusion of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties within the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland because of the community of interest and homogeneity; existing metropolitan and regional planning agencies; patterns of communication and transportation; geographic features and natural boundaries; extent of urban development; relevancy of the Region for provision of governmental services and functions and its use for administering State and Federal programs; the existence of special agricultural, forestry, conservation, or other rural problems; uniformity of social or economic interests and values; park and recreational needs; and the existence of physical, social and economic problems of a regional character; and

WHEREAS, The Tri-County Council as herein defined shall be used to the extent feasible for the administration of area development programs for the Tri-County Region and the Tri-County Council shall also, to the extent possible, be authorized to make application for, receive, and accept from any federal agency grants for or in aid of undertaking fiscal, economic, and human resource planning and development programs for the Tri-County Region; and for the purpose of studying physical, economic, and social opportunities and problems, and to formulate recommendations for review and action thereon by the member governing bodies; now, therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That ~~Section~~ SECTIONS 1231½ AND 123A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Calvert County (1963 Edition, being Article 5 of the