

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 20 - Tri-County Council of FOR Southern Maryland**

~~1-105.~~

~~The [Attorney General of Maryland shall serve as legal advisor to the Council in all matters pertaining to the Council's activities]. COUNCIL SHALL SELECT AND RETAIN ITS OWN LEGAL COUNSEL.~~

2-101.

The membership of the Council consists of:

(a) The State Senators and Delegates representing Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties, as voting members;

(b) The county commissioners of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties, as voting members;

(c) One voting member appointed by the president of the Southern Maryland Municipal Association;

(d) One voting member-at-large from each county recommended by the commissioners of those counties and subject to the concurrence of the State Senators and Delegates from each county;

(e) One nonvoting member appointed by the economic development commission and the planning and zoning commission of each county; and

(f) One nonvoting member appointed by the Maryland Department of [Housing and Community] ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT Development and the Maryland Office of Planning.

2-403.

(a) The Council may receive State financial support to assist in carrying out its activities.

(1) On or before August 1 of each year, the Council shall submit to the Department of [Housing and Community] ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT Development its proposed work programs and operating budget for the following fiscal year, together with supporting schedules to show that the budget is financed, and to provide for review and recommendations. It is then forwarded to the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning for consideration.