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**By: Dorchester County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Appointment of County Officers by the County Commissioners of**  
3 **Dorchester County**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the appointment process of the Dorchester County  
5 Engineer, the Warden of Dorchester County, and the Director of the Office of  
6 Economic Development of Dorchester County to provide that these officers serve at  
7 the pleasure of the County Commissioners of Dorchester County; and generally  
8 relating to the appointment of certain county officers by the County Commissioners  
9 of Dorchester County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 The Public Local Laws of Dorchester County  
12 Section 40-5, 75-1, and 80-12  
13 Article 10 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
14 (1984 Edition and June 1994 Supplement, as amended)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article 10 - Dorchester County**

18 40-5.

19 The County Engineer shall be appointed by and [be responsible to the County  
20 Commissioners. He] SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNTY  
21 COMMISSIONERS. THE COUNTY ENGINEER shall be considered as a county employee,  
22 and [his] THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S salary, benefits, vacation and other details of  
23 employment shall be [included in and part of the merit plan or system for Dorchester  
24 County employees. These benefits shall be part of the employee handbook, as amended  
25 annually.] AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

26 75-1.

27 A. There is hereby created a Department of Correction (the "Department")  
28 under the immediate direction of a Warden who shall be appointed by the County  
29 Commissioners. THE WARDEN SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNTY  
30 COMMISSIONERS.

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1           B. The Department shall operate all programs pertaining to detention and  
2 rehabilitation of persons under the jurisdiction of the county government awaiting trial or  
3 having been convicted of a crime and sentenced by a court of competent jurisdiction for  
4 a term in the Dorchester County Detention Center or being held for any other lawful  
5 purpose.

6 80-12.

7           The Office of Economic Development is hereby created, with the following  
8 responsibilities:

9           A. Director of Economic Development.

10                   (1) The Director shall manage the Office of Economic Development.  
11 Members of the office staff, including the Assistant Director of Economic Development,  
12 report to the Director. The Director[, in turn, is responsible to the Chairman of the  
13 Economic Development Commission] SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNTY  
14 COMMISSIONERS.

15                   (2) The Director shall attend the monthly meetings of the Commission and  
16 brief the members on current efforts, submitting reports as requested by the Commission.

17                   (3) The Director shall, prior to August 1 of each year, submit an annual  
18 report to the Commission in which the accomplishments of the previous year and the  
19 objectives for the next year are summarized.

20                   (4) The Director shall hold an annual public meeting to acquaint the public  
21 with the county's economic program, its accomplishments and its objectives.

22           B. Economic Development Assistant. The Economic Development Assistant  
23 assists the Director in the development and carrying out of the county's Economic  
24 Development Program. The primary responsibility of the Economic Development  
25 Assistant is to provide information services for businesses and industry, including  
26 maintenance of information concerning available industrial/business sites, labor  
27 availability, energy costs and the performance of market research, and he is responsible  
28 for the day-to-day administration of the office and performs projects and assignments as  
29 directed by the Director.

30           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 1996.