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**By: Carroll County Delegation**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County - Board of County Commissioners - Composition**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of members on the Board of County  
4 Commissioners of Carroll County; specifying that the Commissioners are to be  
5 elected at large; submitting this Act to a referendum of the legally qualified voters  
6 of Carroll County; providing for the effect of a possible contingency; providing for  
7 the application of this Act; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the  
8 membership of the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 The Public Local Laws of Carroll County  
11 Section 3-1  
12 Article 7 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
13 (1976 Edition and 1996 Supplement, as amended)

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

16 **Article 7 - Carroll County**

17 3-1.

18 (a) There are [3] 5 County Commissioners for Carroll County WHO SHALL BE  
19 ELECTED AT LARGE.

20 (B) Each County Commissioner is entitled to:

21 (1) A salary of [\$32,500.00] \$32,500 a year; and

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1 (2) An allowance for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of  
2 that office, as provided in the county budget.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before this Act becomes  
4 legally effective it shall first be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters  
5 of Carroll County at the general election to be held in November 1998 or, if a special  
6 election is held throughout Carroll County prior to the general election held in November  
7 1998, at that special election. The cost of the election, if any, shall be paid by the county  
8 governing body. The county governing body and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of  
9 Carroll County shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for and hold the  
10 referendum required by this section. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels  
11 to be used at the election the title "Board of County Commissioners - Expansion to Five  
12 Commissioners" and underneath the title, on separate lines, options for a voter to select  
13 "For Increasing Size of the Board" or "Against Increasing Size of the Board". If a  
14 majority of the votes cast on the question are "For Increasing Size of the Board", the  
15 provisions of this Act shall become effective for the election of the Board of County  
16 Commissioners in 1998 if this question appears on the ballot at a special election held on  
17 or before June 1, 1998. If this question appears on a ballot at an election held after June  
18 1, 1998, and a majority of the votes cast on the question are "For Increasing Size of the  
19 Board", the provisions of this Act shall become effective for the election of the Board of  
20 County Commissioners in 2002. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are  
21 "Against Increasing Size of the Board", the provisions of this Act are of no effect and null  
22 and void.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding Section 2  
24 of this Act, if the majority of voters of Carroll County elect to adopt home rule under the  
25 provisions of Article XI-A or Article XI-F of the Constitution of Maryland at the same  
26 election when the question under Section 2 of this Act appears on the ballot, the  
27 provisions of this Act, and the results of any election conducted pursuant to this Act, are  
28 void and of no effect.

29 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be  
30 construed to have any effect on the County Commissioners of Carroll County serving on  
31 the effective date of this Act, but shall be applied, in accordance with Section 2 of this  
32 Act, to the election of the Board of County Commissioners in 1998 or 2002.

33 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions  
34 of Section 2 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum required  
35 by Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.