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By: **Cecil County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Commission for Women**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Cecil County Commission for Women; providing  
4 for the membership and terms of the Commission's members; establishing the  
5 powers and duties of the Commission; and generally relating to the Cecil County  
6 Commission for Women.

7 BY adding to

8 The Public Local Laws of Cecil County

9 Section 84-1 through 84-6 to be under the new chapter "Chapter 84. Women,

10 Commission for"

11 Article 8 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

12 (1989 Edition and June 1997 Supplement, as amended)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article 8 - Cecil County**

16 **CHAPTER 84. WOMEN, COMMISSION FOR**

17 84-1.

18 A. THERE IS A CECIL COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN.

19 B. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF ISSUES  
20 AFFECTING WOMEN AND FAMILIES AND TO ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN IN ORDER TO  
21 ASSIST THEM IN ATTAINING THE BEST QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THEMSELVES AND  
22 THEIR FAMILIES.

23 84-2.

24 A. (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF 12 MEMBERS.

1           (2)     THE MEMBERS SHALL REPRESENT A CROSS SECTION OF THE  
2 COUNTY AND SHALL BE SELECTED BECAUSE OF THEIR KNOWN EXPERIENCE AND  
3 ACTIVE INTEREST IN WOMEN'S ISSUES AND THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMISSION.

4     B.       THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPOINT THE INITIAL  
5 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FROM A LIST SUPPLIED BY THE TASK FORCE FOR  
6 THE STUDY AND FORMATION OF A CECIL COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN.  
7 THEREAFTER, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS  
8 FROM RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES IN THE  
9 COUNTY DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE CITIZENS OF  
10 CECIL COUNTY.

11 84-3.

12     A.       (1)     FOR THE INITIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST COMMISSION,  
13 ONE-THIRD OF THE MEMBERS SHALL SERVE FOR 1 YEAR, ONE-THIRD FOR 2 YEARS,  
14 AND ONE-THIRD FOR 3 YEARS. THEREAFTER, THE TERMS OF ALL MEMBERS SHALL  
15 BE 3 YEARS.

16           (2)     AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION  
17 CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

18           (3)     A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM  
19 HAS BEGUN SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS  
20 APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

21     B.       A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

22           (1)     MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

23           (2)     IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES, AS PROVIDED IN  
24 THE COMMISSION'S BUDGET.

25     C.       THE COMMISSION SHALL SELECT FROM ITS OWN MEMBERSHIP A  
26 CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON, AND SECRETARY-TREASURER, EACH TO SERVE  
27 AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION.

28 84-4.

29     A.       THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AS FREQUENTLY AS REQUIRED TO  
30 PERFORM ITS DUTIES, BUT NO LESS THAN ONCE EACH MONTH, AND SHALL HOLD  
31 SPECIAL MEETINGS AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON OR OF ANY 3 MEMBERS OF  
32 THE COMMISSION.

33     B.       A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION WHO FAILS TO ATTEND AT LEAST 50% OF  
34 THE MEETINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS SHALL BE  
35 CONSIDERED TO HAVE RESIGNED.

36     C.       THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY  
37 TO GOVERN ITS PROCEDURE AND BUSINESS.

1 84-5.

2 THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY  
3 COMMISSIONERS SUMMARIZING ITS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR, ITS  
4 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE COUNTY.

5 84-6.

6 THE COMMISSION MAY:

7 (1) DEVELOP AN INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SYSTEM FOR ALL  
8 SERVICES IN THE COUNTY RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO THE NEEDS OF WOMEN AND  
9 TO RECOMMEND OTHER SERVICES WHEN THE NEED EXISTS;

10 (2) IDENTIFY, ANALYZE, AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION THAT WILL  
11 ASSIST IN ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN;

12 (3) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT WILL EXPAND  
13 WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES;

14 (4) RECOMMEND PROGRAMS OR LEGISLATION THAT IS NECESSARY AND  
15 PROPER TO PROMOTE AND ENSURE EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL  
16 PERSONS;

17 (5) CONDUCT WORKSHOPS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS RELATIVE TO  
18 WOMEN'S ISSUES;

19 (6) PROMOTE A POSITIVE IMAGE OF WOMEN BY RECOGNIZING THEIR  
20 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY; AND

21 (7) WORK TO REMOVE INEQUALITY DUE TO UNMET NEED OR  
22 DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF GENDER IN THE COUNTY.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 1998.