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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Commissioners - Removal of Appointed Officers and Employees**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of the county commissioners of ~~each~~  
4 ~~county~~ certain counties to remove for cause certain county officers and  
5 employees who are appointed by the county commissioners; repealing a  
6 prohibition against the removal of certain county officers and employees  
7 appointed by the county commissioners under public general or public local  
8 laws; and generally relating to the authority of county commissioners to remove  
9 for cause county officers and employees who are appointed by the county  
10 commissioners under certain circumstances.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 25 - County Commissioners  
13 Section ~~3(d)(1)~~ 3(a) and (d)(1)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 25 - County Commissioners**

19 3.

20 (a) (1) The county commissioners of each county in this State, in addition to,  
21 but not in substitution of, the powers which have been or may be granted them, have  
22 the following express powers.

- 1           (2)    (i)    The following counties are excepted from these express powers.
- 2                           (ii)   Anne Arundel County; included, however, in subsections (t)(3)  
3 and (t-1);
- 4                           (iii)   Baltimore County; included, however, in subsection (t)(3);
- 5                           (iv)   Cecil County; included, however, in subsections (D)(1),(l), (s-1),  
6 and (t)(3) and (t-1);
- 7                           (v)    Howard County; included, however, in subsections (t)(3) and  
8 (t-1);
- 9                           (vi)   Prince George's County; included, however, in subsection (t)(3)  
10 and in subsection (t-1) except to the extent that an area is under the WSSC;
- 11                          (vii)   Queen Anne's County; included, however, in subsections (D)(1),  
12 (f), (s)(3), (s-1), (t)(3), (t-1) and (ii);
- 13                          (viii)   Worcester County; included, however, in subsections (l), (s)(2),  
14 (t)(3), (t-1), (x), (x-1), (x-2), and (y).
- 15    (d)    (1)    To provide for the appointment and removal FOR CAUSE of all county  
16 officers and employees except those people whose appointment or election is provided  
17 for by the Constitution [or public general or public local laws].

18    SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2000.