

# CHAPTER 330

(Senate Bill 440)

AN ACT concerning

## Mid-Shore Regional Council - Membership ~~—Immunity~~

FOR the purpose of altering the number of voting members of the Mid-Shore Regional Council appointed by the governing bodies of Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot counties; authorizing the bylaws of the Mid-Shore Regional Council to provide for additional public membership on the Council; and ~~providing that generally relating to the membership of the Mid-Shore Regional Council is immune from being sued.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 20C – Mid-Shore Regional Council  
Section 2-101  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

~~BY adding to  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 5-506.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2006 Replacement Volume)~~

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

### Article 20C – Mid-Shore Regional Council

2-101.

(a) The membership of the Council consists of the following members from Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot counties:

(1) [Nine] **SIX COUNCILMEMBERS OR** commissioners, [three] **TWO** from each county, appointed by their respective county governing bodies as voting members;

(2) Three county administrators, one from each county as nonvoting ex officio members;

(3) (i) Three municipal elected officials, one from each county, appointed by their respective municipal corporations as voting members; or

(ii) If the municipal corporations located in a county are unable to choose a municipal elected official within a reasonable period of time, the Eastern Shore Municipal Association shall appoint an elected municipal official to represent the municipal corporation;

(4) Members of the General Assembly representing the region who have a majority of their legislative district in the region as voting ex officio members;

(5) Members of the General Assembly representing the region who do not have a majority of their legislative district in the region as nonvoting ex officio members; and

(6) The other **COUNCILMEMBERS OR** commissioners as nonvoting ex officio members.

(b) (1) A voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner listed under subsection (a)(1) of this section may designate another **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner or county administrator representing the same county to vote by proxy on behalf of the voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner when the voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner is absent from a meeting.

(2) A voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner listed under subsection (a)(1) of this section shall inform the council executive director, in advance, of which other council members the voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner designates to cast a proxy vote on behalf of the voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner.

(c) The bylaws of the Council may provide for additional private citizen **OR PUBLIC** membership on the Council.

#### ~~Article Courts and Judicial Proceedings~~

#### ~~5-506.1~~

#### ~~THE MID-SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL IS IMMUNE FROM BEING SUED.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

**Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.**