

## Chapter 545

**(Senate Bill 292)**

AN ACT concerning

**Tri-County Council for Western Maryland – Membership**

FOR the purpose of altering how certain members of the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland are appointed; and generally relating to the membership of the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Economic Development  
Section 13-701 and 13-702(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Economic Development  
Section 13-703  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

**Article – Economic Development**

13-701.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Commissioners” means the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County, respectively.
- (c) “Council” means the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland.
- (d) “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Council.
- (e) “Member county” means each county in the region that pays annual dues that the Council sets.
- (f) “Plan” means a regional plan that the Council prepares for the region.
- (g) “Region” means Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties.

13-702.

- (a) There is a Tri-County Council for Western Maryland.

13-703.

- (a) The Council consists of the following 26 members:

(1) two commissioners from each member county;

(2) the Director of Economic Development from each member county;

(3) two mayors from each member county or their representatives, appointed by [the respective chapters of the Maryland Municipal League for each member county] **THE COMMISSIONERS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE MEMBER COUNTY;**

(4) the chair of each member county's legislative delegation to the House of Delegates, or the chair's designee;

(5) the two members of the Senate of Maryland representing the member counties in Districts 1 and 2;

(6) six private citizens, two from each member county, who are:

(i) appointed by their respective commissioners;

(ii) not listed under paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this subsection; and

(iii) neither elected officials nor employees of a unit of local government.

(b) (1) A member who qualifies because of the member's elected or appointed position is a member of the Council only during the member's term of office in the elected or appointed position.

(2) A member appointed:

(i) under subsection (a)(3) of this section, serves at the pleasure of the commissioners for the county that the member represents;

(ii) under subsection (a)(4) of this section, shall reside in the member county that the member represents; and

(iii) under subsection (a)(6) of this section:

1. serves at the pleasure of the commissioners who appointed the member; and

2. has the same term as the commissioners who appointed the member.

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(4) Except for an ex officio member, a member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**