

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 96-14

**A BILL ENTITLED**

AN ACT to Establish Procedures for Filling Vacancies in the Term of Office of a County Commissioner of Queen Anne's County.

FOR THE PURPOSE of establishing procedures for filling of vacancies in the term of office of County Commissioners; providing the qualifications of persons selected to fill such vacancies; providing for nominations and public hearings thereon; providing procedures for filling multiple vacancies; and providing that the provisions hereof shall be an emergency bill effective from the date of passage.

**SECTION I**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that a new Section 1-109 be added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, to read as follows:

1-109. Vacancies.

(a) Selection by Commissioners; qualifications. In the event of a vacancy prior to the expiration of the term in the office of County Commissioners due to death, resignation or other reason, that vacancy shall be filled by a person selected by majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of County Commissioners from nominations submitted pursuant to Subsections (b) and (c) herein. The selection of a person to fill the vacancy shall be an executive act of the County Commissioners. The person chosen to fill the vacancy shall be of the same political party as the Commissioner who has vacated the office. The person chosen to fill the vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the Commissioner who has vacated the office.

(b) Nominations for vacancy. Within thirty days of the creation of the vacancy, the State Central Committee of the political party of the Commissioner who has vacated the office shall submit to the Board of County Commissioners at least three nominations to fill the vacancy. In the event that the County Commissioners cannot select from the nominations submitted, the Board of County Commissioners may request additional nominations from the State Central Committee.

(c) Public hearing required. The County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the nominations submitted to fill the vacancy.

(d) Multiple vacancies. Should more than two vacancies on the Board of County Commissioners occur

simultaneously, then those vacancies shall be filled by a special election to be held within ninety days of the creation of those vacancies. The Commissioners so elected shall meet the same residency requirements as the Commissioners who have vacated the office. The Commissioners so elected shall serve the remainder of the unexpired terms of the Commissioners who have vacated the office.

**SECTION II**

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this measure is determined to be an emergency bill affecting the public health, safety and welfare of the County and shall take effect from the date of its passage.

INTRODUCED BY: Commr. DeHov  
DATED: 12/3/96  
PUBLIC HEARING HELD: Dec-17, 1996 - 11:30 A.M.  
VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_ YEA \_\_\_\_\_ NAY  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_