§ 47-0105. Establishment of county environmental management councils; members and officers.

1. The county governing body of any county may establish a county environmental management council. Such council may be constituted within the organized structure of county government so as to provide for effective coordination among all agencies of the county for the purposes of this article. The council shall consist of one member of each city, town, and village conservation advisory council within the county. Additional members as the county appointing authority may provide, shall be appointed to serve at the pleasure of the county appointing authority, for a term not to exceed two years. The presiding officer or chairman shall be appointed by the county appointing authority from among the members of the council. In addition, the county appointing authority may appoint members of the county governing body and the heads of those county departments whose work particularly affects or is particularly affected by environmental considerations, as ex officio members of the council. For the purposes of this article, the term county appointing authority shall mean the body or officer of a county authorized by law to make appointments.

2. The county appointing authority is hereby authorized notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law to appoint up to four members to the council who are between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one.

3. Nothing contained in this article shall be deemed to prohibit the establishment of a county environmental agency pursuant to other provisions of law.