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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 3

### Bill No. 12 -2021

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the term of board and commission members to be consistent with recently enacted amendments to Section 404 of the Howard County Charter; and generally related to boards and commissions.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2021. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1           **WHEREAS**, an amendment to Section 404 of the County Charter, effective on or  
2 about December 3, 2020, shortened the term for members of most citizen boards and  
3 commissions from five to three years and this change needs to be reflected in various  
4 places in our County Code.

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6           **NOW THEREFORE,**

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8           ***Section 1. Be It Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the  
9 *Howard County Code is amended as follows:*

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11           *By amending:*

12                   *Title 6, County Executive and Executive Branch*

13                   *Subsection (b) of Section 6.300 “Boards and Commissions in general”*

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15                   *Title 12, Health and Social Services*

16                   *Subsection (c) of Section 12.701 “Membership”*

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18                   *Title 12, Health and Social Services*

19                   *Section 12.1702 “Terms of Membership”*

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21                   *Title 12, Health and Social Services*

22                   *Subsection (e) of Section 12.301 “Membership of the Board; appointment”*

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24                   **Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.**

25                           **Subtitle 3. Boards and Commissions.**

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27           **Sec. 6.300. - Boards and Commissions in general.**

28           (b) A Board or Commission shall consist of at least five residents of Howard County  
29 who shall serve:

30                   (1) Overlapping terms of ~~[[five]]~~THREE years; or

31                   (2) Until a successor is confirmed.

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**Title 12. Health and Social Services.**

**Subtitle 7. Women’s Issues.**

**Sec. 12.701. - Membership.**

(c) *Qualifications:*

- (1) All members shall be residents of Howard County.
- (2) Members shall be broadly representative of the citizens of Howard County and shall have an active interest in the purposes of the Commission.
- (3) There may be an ex officio nonvoting member selected by the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission from the current membership of that Commission to serve as liaison between the Human Rights Commission and the Commission for Women.
- (4) One member shall be a high school student appointed by March 15 of each year to serve a term from July 1 through June 30, except that in 2009 the student member shall be appointed by June 1, 2009.
- (5) All members, except for the student member, shall serve a ~~[[five]]~~THREE-year term.
- (6) No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.
- (7) The Commission's student member appointee may observe the current student member during the remainder of that student member's term.

**Title 12. Health and Social Services.**

**Subtitle 17. Board to Promote Self Sufficiency.**

**Sec. 12.1702. - Terms of membership.**

Appointed members of the Board shall serve overlapping terms of ~~[[five]]~~THREE years or until a successor is confirmed as provided in section 6.300 of this Code.

**Title 12. Health and Social Services.**

**Subtitle 3. Local Children’s Board.**

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**Sec. 12.301. - Membership of the Board; appointment.**

(e) Terms of Members of the Board:

- (1) Except for youth members, the members of the Board shall serve staggered terms of ~~[[five]]~~THREE years. Youth members shall serve staggered terms of two years.
- (2) Vacancies on the Board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment or for the unexpired term.
- (3) At the end of the term a member of the Board, the member continues to serve until a successor is appointed.
- (4) A member of the Board who is appointed to complete an unexpired term serves only for the rest of that term, unless the member is reappointed.

*Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*