

Introduced 09.06.2022  
Public Hearing 09.19.2022  
Council Action 10.3.2022  
Executive Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_

## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2022 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 13

Bill No. 53-2022

Introduced by: Deb Jung

AN ACT clarifying that a Board or Commission must consist of at least five members; requiring a member of a Board or Commission to be a Howard County resident; providing for exceptions; and generally relating to Boards and Commissions.

Introduced and read first time Sept 6, 2022. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, 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 Sept 19, 2022.

By order

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on Oct 3, 2022 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .

By order

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 *Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County*  
2 *Code is hereby amended as follows:*

3 *By amending:*

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

5 *Subtitle 3. Boards and Commissions.*

6 *Section 6.300. Boards and Commissions in general.*

7

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

9 **Subtitle 3. Boards and Commissions**

10 **Sec. 6.300. Boards and Commissions in general.**

11 (a) Under section 404 of the Howard County Charter, members of Boards and Commissions  
12 shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

13 (b) A Board or Commission shall consist of at least five ~~[[residents of Howard County]]~~  
14 MEMBERS who shall serve:

15 (1) Overlapping terms of three years; or

16 (2) Until a successor is confirmed.

17 (C) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN LAW FOR A PARTICULAR BOARD OR  
18 COMMISSION, A MEMBER OF A BOARD OR COMMISSION SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF HOWARD  
19 COUNTY.

20 ~~[[c)]]~~ (D) A member is not eligible for immediate reappointment to a Board or Commission if:

21 (1) The member has served eight or more consecutive years on a Board; and

22 (2) The member's term expires.

23 ~~[[d)]]~~ (E) A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and for the  
24 unexpired term.

25 ~~[[e)]]~~ (F) If County law requires a Board or Commission member to have certain qualifications,  
26 the County Executive may appoint a member of the general public after certifying that:

27 (1) A reasonable search was made to find a person who met the specific qualifications; and

28 (2) A person could not be found.

29 ~~[[f)]]~~ (G) Board members shall receive no compensation for their services except reasonable  
30 and necessary expenses as may be provided in the budget.

31 *Section 2. Be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that this Act*  
32 *shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*