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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 30 -2025

Introduced by: Liz Walsh

SHORT TITLE: Membership – Human Rights Commission

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to add certain requirements to the membership qualifications for the Howard County Human Rights Commission; and generally related to membership.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2025. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Michelle 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 _____, 2025.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2025 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this _____ day of _____, 2025 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2025

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
2 County Code is amended as follows:

3 By amending:

4 Title 12. - "Health and Social Services"

5 Subtitle 2. - "Human Rights"

6 Section 12.202. – "Human Rights Commission"

7 Subsection III. – "Qualifications"

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Title 12. – Health and Social Services

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Subtitle 2. – Human Rights

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Section 12.202. – Human Rights Commission

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III. Qualifications

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(a) All members shall be residents of Howard County.

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(b) Members of the Commission shall be broadly representative of the citizens of Howard
15 County.

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(C) MEMBERS SHALL BE PROFESSIONALS IN OR HAVE RELEVANT EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE
17 OR TRAINING IN SUCH FIELDS AS CIVIL RIGHTS, HUMAN RIGHTS, MEDIATION, CONFLICT
18 RESOLUTION, OR INVESTIGATION AND CONCILIATION OF DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS.

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(D) MEMBERS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE TRAINING NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE
20 FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

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[[c)] (E) Members may serve no more than two successive full terms.

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[[d)] (F) The nonvoting member shall be a student under the age of 18. The student's
23 term shall be for one year, beginning July 1, and ending June 30.

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