

**Amendment 5 to Council Bill 12-2016**

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**Amendment No. 5**

1 (This amendment would add additional qualifications for the Housing Commission's voting  
2 members and replace the previously prefiled Amendment #2).  
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6 On the title page, in line 15 of the title, after the semi-colon, insert "adding additional  
7 qualifications for the Howard County Housing Commission's voting  
8 commissioners;".  
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10 On page 5, immediately following line 16, insert the following:

11 "Section. 13.1305 "Composition; appointments; terms."".  
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13 On page 36, immediately following line 2, insert the following:

14 **Section. 13.1305. - Composition; appointments; terms.**

15 (a) Appointment:

16 (1) Voting Commissioners. The Commission has seven voting  
17 Commissioners, at least five of whom shall be residents of Howard  
18 County. The Commissioners shall be appointed by the County Executive  
19 with the approval of the County Council.

20 (2) Nonvoting Commissioner:

21 (i) The Commission shall have an additional nonvoting Commissioner  
22 who shall be a member of the Housing and Community  
23 Development Board selected in accordance with subsection  
24 13.501(d) of this Code.

25 (ii) The Commission may have an additional nonvoting Commissioner

1                   who shall be an employee of the County who is not an elected  
2                   official of the County. This nonvoting Commissioner shall be  
3                   appointed by the County Executive and approved by the County  
4                   Council.

5                   (3) Evidence of due and proper appointment. A certificate of the appointment  
6                   or reappointment of a Commissioner shall be filed with the custodian of  
7                   records, and the certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the due and  
8                   proper appointment of a Commissioner.

9                   (b) Qualifications:[]. Of the seven voting Commissioners, at the time of appointment  
10                  one shall be a person of eligible income.[]

11                  (1) OF THE SEVEN VOTING COMMISSIONERS, AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT AT  
12                  LEAST ONE SHALL BE A PERSON OF ELIGIBLE INCOME;

13                  (2) OF THE REMAINING SIX VOTING COMMISSIONERS, EACH SHALL HAVE  
14                  EXPERIENCE IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

15                         (I) AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT;

16                         (II) AFFORDABLE HOUSING FINANCE;

17                         (III) MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT;

18                         (IV) MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION OR DESIGN;

19                         (V) FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL HOUSING FINANCE PROGRAMS;

20                         (VI) BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING BUDGET, FINANCE, OR HUMAN  
21                         RESOURCES; OR

22                         (VII) OTHER RELEVANT EXPERTISE.

23                   AS NEW APPOINTMENTS ARE CONSIDERED, SPECIAL ATTENTION SHALL BE GIVEN TO  
24                   ENSURE THAT A DIVERSITY OF EXPERTISE IS MAINTAINED ON THE COMMISSION.

25                   (c) Ineligibility to Serve as Commissioners. The following individuals are not eligible  
26                   to serve as voting Commissioners:

27                   (1) An employee of the housing Commission;

28                   (2) An elected official of the County;

29                   (3) An employee of the County.

1        (d) Terms of Office:

2            (1) A Commissioner shall serve for a term of five years, except that a  
3            nonvoting Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the County  
4            Executive.

5            (2) The terms of the Commissioners shall be staggered as required by law.

6            (3) No Commissioner shall be reappointed after having served eight or more  
7            consecutive years immediately before reappointment.

8            (4) All vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term only. A  
9            Commissioner shall hold office until the Commissioner's successor has  
10           been appointed.

11           (5) A Commissioner who is absent from three consecutive regular meetings of  
12           the Commission, unless excused by resolution of the Commission, may be  
13           removed from office.