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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 51-2016

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

AN ACT clarifying the method of computing time for deadlines set forth in the Howard County Code; defining certain terms; and generally relating to computing time.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2016. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, 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 _____, 2016.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2016 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ____ day of _____, 2016 at ____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2016

Allan H. Kittleman, 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 adding Subtitle 9 “Computation of Time” to
4 Title 22 “General Provisions”

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6 **Title 22. General Provisions.**

7 **SUBTITLE 9. COMPUTATION OF TIME.**

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9 **SECTION 22.900. DEFINITIONS.**

10 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

11 (A) *DEADLINE* MEANS THE LAST DAY OF ANY PERIOD OF TIME BY WHICH ANY PERSON OR COUNTY
12 DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY IS REQUIRED TO TAKE SOME ACTION.

13 ~~(B) *HOLIDAY* MEANS RECOGNIZED COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL HOLIDAYS.~~ (B) *HOLIDAY* MEANS
14 THE HOLIDAYS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY’S CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND POSTED ON
15 THE COUNTY’S WEBSITE.”

16 (C) *ORDINARY BUSINESS HOURS* MEANS 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

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18 **SECTION 22.901. APPLICATION.**

19 THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO ANY DEADLINE ESTABLISHED BY THIS CODE THAT EXCEEDS SEVEN
20 DAYS.

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22 **SECTION 22.902. COMPUTATION OF TIME.**

23 (A) *BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD OF TIME.* IN COMPUTING ANY PERIOD OF TIME ~~PRESCRIBED BY THIS~~
24 SUBJECT TO THIS SUBTITLE-CODE, THE DAY OF THE ACT, EVENT, OR DEFAULT, AFTER WHICH THE
25 DESIGNATED PERIOD OF TIME BEGINS TO RUN, IS NOT TO BE INCLUDED.

26 (B) *DEADLINE.* THE DEADLINE IS TO BE COMPUTED AS FOLLOWS:

27 (1) IF THE LAST DAY IS A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR HOLIDAY, THE DEADLINE SHALL BE
28 THE END OF THE NEXT DAY, WHICH IS NOT A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR HOLIDAY; OR

29 (2) IF THE COUNTY OFFICE IS NOT OPEN ON THE LAST DAY OF THE PERIOD, OR IS CLOSED
30 FOR A PART OF A DAY, THE DEADLINE SHALL BE THE END OF THE NEXT DAY WHICH

- 1 IS:
2 (I) NOT A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR HOLIDAY; OR
3 (II) A DAY ON WHICH THE COUNTY OFFICE IS OPEN THE ENTIRE DAY DURING
4 ORDINARY BUSINESS HOURS.

5 ~~(C) COUNTING DAYS. WHEN COMPUTING A PERIOD OF TIME, INTERMEDIATE SATURDAYS,~~
6 ~~SUNDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS SHALL:~~

7 ~~(1) BE COUNTED WHEN THE PERIOD OF TIME ALLOWED IS MORE THAN 7 DAYS; OR~~

8 ~~(2) NOT BE COUNTED WHEN THE PERIOD OF TIME ALLOWED IS 7 DAYS OR LESS.~~

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