

HB0879/393224/1

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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 879, AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2 of the Environment and Transportation Committee Amendments (HB0879/730510/1), in line 9 of Amendment No. 1, after “funds;” insert “establishing the Citizens’ Advisory Board for Legislative Ethics; providing for the composition of the Board; establishing certain standards and qualifications for Board membership; requiring the Board to regularly offer recommendations to the Committee and the presiding officers regarding changes to the Public Ethics Law, the policies and procedures of the Committee, and public advisory opinions of the Committee; defining a certain term;”.

On page 2 of the Environment and Transportation Committee Amendments, in line 17 of Amendment No. 2, after “Supplement)” insert:

“BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 2-710

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 22 of the Environment and Transportation Committee Amendments, in line 18 of Amendment No. 9, after “MEETING.” insert:

“Article – State Government

2-710.

(Over)

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD FOR LEGISLATIVE ETHICS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(B) (1) THERE IS A CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD FOR LEGISLATIVE ETHICS.

(2) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(I) A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR, APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

(II) TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

(III) TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

(3) (I) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD:

1. SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

2. MAY NOT BE A STATE OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL; AND

3. MAY NOT BE A REGULATED LOBBYIST.

(II) NO MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AT ANY ONE TIME MAY BE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(III) THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE CHOSEN SO THAT EACH POLITICAL PARTY IS REPRESENTED IN APPROXIMATELY THE SAME PROPORTION AS THE PARTY IS REPRESENTED IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(IV) IN APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE PRESIDING OFFICERS SHALL SEEK INDIVIDUALS WITH A KNOWLEDGE OF OR BACKGROUND IN PUBLIC ETHICS.

(C) THE BOARD SHALL REGULARLY OFFER RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE AND THE PRESIDING OFFICERS REGARDING CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC ETHICS LAW, THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE COMMITTEE, AND PUBLIC ADVISORY OPINIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.”.