

HOUSE BILL 476

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2017

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **District Court Commissioners – Residency in Contiguous County**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a District Court Commissioner may be a resident of a
4 county contiguous to the county in which the commissioner serves; and generally
5 relating to District Court Commissioners.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
8 Section 2–607(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 2–607.

15 (b) (1) Commissioners shall be adult residents of the [counties] **COUNTY OR**
16 **A COUNTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE COUNTY** in which they serve, but they need not be
17 lawyers.

18 (2) Each commissioner shall hold office at the pleasure of the Chief Judge
19 of the District Court, and has the powers and duties prescribed by law.

20 (3) Except without additional compensation, unless otherwise fixed by law,
21 an employee of the District Court, who is an adult, may be granted, in the same manner,
22 commissioner powers and duties in the county where the employee is employed.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2017.