

Chapter 457

(Senate Bill 474)

AN ACT concerning

Ethics – Local Public Ethics Commissions and Entities – Meeting and Reporting Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring each local ethics commission or a certain entity to meet ~~a certain number of times~~ each year; requiring each local ethics commission or a certain entity to submit to the local governing body ~~and to certain members of the General Assembly~~ a certain report on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to meeting and reporting requirements for local public ethics commissions and entities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–807
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – General Provisions

5–807.

(a) Subject to § 5–209 of this title, each county and each municipal corporation shall enact provisions to govern the public ethics of local officials relating to:

- (1) conflicts of interest;
- (2) financial disclosure; and
- (3) lobbying.

(B) EACH LOCAL ETHICS COMMISSION OR APPROPRIATE ENTITY SHALL MEET AT LEAST ~~THREE TIMES~~ ONE TIME EACH YEAR.

[(b)] (C) On or before October 1 of each year, each local ethics commission or appropriate entity shall:

(1) certify to the Ethics Commission that the county or municipal corporation is in compliance with the requirements of this part for elected local officials;
AND

(2) ~~SUBMIT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AND EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO REPRESENTS THAT JURISDICTION~~ A REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC ETHICS LAWS BY THE LOCAL ETHICS COMMISSION OR APPROPRIATE ENTITY THAT INCLUDES:

(I) THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THE PAST YEAR;

(II) WRITTEN COPIES OF MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES FROM EACH MEETING HELD;

(III) A COPY OF THE SIGNED AND DATED ATTENDANCE SHEET FROM EACH MEETING HELD; AND

(IV) ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL ETHICS COMMISSION OR APPROPRIATE ENTITY TO SHOW THE WORK PERFORMED DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.