

HB0655/795968/1

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 655
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**County**” insert “**Council and County**”; in line 3, after the first “a” insert “county council member or a”; in line 4, after “district,” insert “making conforming changes; providing for the application of this Act;”; in line 5, after “to” insert “county council and”; in line 8, strike “9–401.1” and substitute “9–114”; and after line 10, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Calvert County

Section 2–102

Article 5 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(2002 Edition and December 2019 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 310 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Charles County

Section 27–1A.

Article 9 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(2013 Edition and October 2018 Supplement, as amended)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Garrett County

Section 30.02(B) and (C)

Article 12 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(2005 Edition and September 2018 Supplement, as amended)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

(Over)

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The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
Section 26-1A.
Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2007 Edition and March 2015 Supplement, as amended)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
Section 26-1B. and C.
Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2007 Edition and March 2015 Supplement, as amended)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 14, strike "**9-401.1.**" and substitute "**9-114.**

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL COUNTIES.

(B)";

in line 15, after the first "A" insert "**COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER OR**"; in the same line, after "SPECIFIC" insert "**COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT OR**"; after line 17, insert:

"Article 5 – Calvert County

2-102.

(a) [Beginning with the general election to be held in Calvert County in November, 1978, five County Commissioners shall be elected by countywide vote.

(b) Beginning with the general election to be held in Calvert County in November [2014] 2022:

(1) One County Commissioner shall be a resident of and shall **BE ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY TO** represent [the first election district of the County] **THAT DISTRICT;**

(2) One County Commissioner shall be a resident of and shall **BE ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE SECOND ELECTION DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY TO** represent [the second election district of the County] **THAT DISTRICT;**

(3) One County Commissioner shall be a resident of and shall **BE ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE THIRD ELECTION DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY TO** represent [the third election district of the County] **THAT DISTRICT;** and

(4) Two County Commissioners shall be residents of the County and shall **BE ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY TO** represent the County at large.

[(c)] (B) Each candidate for the office of County Commissioner shall specify at the time of filing a certificate of candidacy whether the candidate is seeking to represent the district in which the candidate resides or to represent the County at large.

[(d)] (C) Commissioners who are elected and qualify shall take office the third Tuesday of December following election.

[(e)] (D) Each Commissioner shall hold office for four years or until a successor is elected and qualified.

Article 9 – Charles County

A. There shall be five County Commissioners for Charles County], four of whom shall be elected at large, with one residing in each of the four County Commissioner Districts of the County]. **ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHALL RESIDE IN AND BE ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF EACH OF THE FOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY.** The fifth shall hold the position of President of the County Commissioners, may reside in any area of the County and shall be elected at large. The County Commissioners shall be elected at the General Election held in 1994 and every four years thereafter, for terms of four years. The terms of the Commissioners shall begin on the first Tuesday of December following the General Election or as soon afterwards as certified by the Governor.

Article 12 – Garrett County

30.02.

(B) At all future elections for the office of County Commissioner, 1 Commissioner shall [be elected from among the voters residing in each County Commissioner District by the general vote of the county] **RESIDE IN AND BE ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF EACH OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY.**

(C) At primary elections to be held in Garrett County at which candidates are selected for the position of County Commissioner, 1 candidate for each party shall be chosen from each County Commissioner District by the [county-wide] vote of the members of the respective parties **WITHIN THAT DISTRICT.** The Supervisors of Elections of Garrett County shall place the names of all persons who file papers for the position County Commissioner upon the ballots to be used by the respective parties in the county by Commissioner Districts so that under each Commissioner District on the ballot will appear the names in alphabetical order of all candidates residing in the district. The candidate of each party from each County Commissioner District who receives the greatest number of votes shall be certified by the Supervisors of Elections

as the nominee of the political party to which he or she belongs, and the name of the nominee shall be placed on the official ballot to be used in the general election.

Article 19 – St. Mary’s County

26–1.

A. St. Mary's County shall be divided into four (4) Commissioners' Districts as follows: The first, second and ninth election districts shall compose the First Commissioner District; the third and sixth election districts shall compose the Second Commissioner District; the fourth, fifth and seventh election districts shall compose the Third Commissioner District; and the eighth election district shall compose the Fourth Commissioner District. Each Commissioner [shall be elected as hereinafter provided by the general vote of the County from each of said Commissioner Districts, who] shall serve for four (4) years from the date of [his] **THEIR** election and shall be eligible to succeed [himself] **THEMSELVES**, except that no County Commissioner is to be elected to serve more than three (3) full four-year consecutive terms. A majority of said Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Five (5) County Commissioners are to be elected [by the voters of the entire County], of whom one (1) County Commissioner is to be elected [from] **BY THE VOTERS OF** the First Commissioner District, one (1) County Commissioner is to be elected [from] **BY THE VOTERS OF** the Second Commissioner District, one (1) County Commissioner is to be elected [from] **BY THE VOTERS OF** the Third Commissioner District and one (1) County Commissioner is to be elected [from] **BY THE VOTERS OF** the Fourth Commissioner District.

B. In addition, the five (5) aforementioned County Commissioners must have been residents of the districts for two (2) years or, instead, residents of the County for four (4) years. The four (4) Commissioners, in addition, must be qualified voters in the Commissioner District prior to election to office.

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C. The fifth Commissioner, who will be President of the Board, shall run at large and be elected by the voters of the entire County. The President must be a registered voter, a resident of the County for at least five (5) years prior to election to office and at least twenty-five (25) years of age. The Board of Commissioners may elect a Vice President to preside in the temporary absence or disability of the President.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act:

(1) shall be applicable to the elections for county council and county commissioner held in 2022 and all subsequent elections; and

(2) may not be construed to affect the tenure of a county council member or county commissioner serving in office before the beginning of the next regular full term of office that begins after the effective date of this Act.”;

and in line 18, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.