

HOUSE BILL 860

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By: **Delegates Allen and Boaf**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Housing and Community Development – Community Action Boards**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain community action boards to meet certain federal
4 requirements for tripartite boards; repealing certain requirements relating to the
5 composition of community action boards; and generally relating to community action
6 agencies and community action boards.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Housing and Community Development
9 Section 8–104
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Housing and Community Development
14 Section 8–105(a)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

20 8–104.

21 (a) A political subdivision may designate a community action agency to serve a
22 community within the political subdivision or may change or revoke a designation by:

23 (1) an act, an ordinance, or a resolution of its governing body; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) an order of its chief executive, if the chief legal officer certifies in writing
2 that the chief executive has power to make the designation.

3 (b) (1) The governing body shall notify the public and hold a public hearing
4 before a designation is made, changed, or revoked.

5 (2) A transition or close-down plan shall accompany the notification of a
6 proposed change or revocation of a designation.

7 (c) A change in or revocation of a designation takes effect at the start of the State
8 fiscal year.

9 8–105.

10 (a) (1) A community action agency shall administer its programs through a
11 community action board.

12 (2) A community action board [consists of at least 15 members, of whom:

13 (i) one-third are elected public officials currently holding office, or
14 their designees;

15 (ii) at least one-third are chosen by a democratic selection method
16 designed to assure that they will represent low-income persons in the community; and

17 (iii) the others are officials or members of business, industry, labor,
18 religious, welfare, education, or other major groups and interests in the community.

19 (3) A member chosen to represent a geographic area shall reside in the
20 area.

21 (4) A person selected under paragraph (2)(ii) or (iii) of this subsection may
22 not serve for more than 5 years consecutively or for more than a total of 10 years] **SHALL**
23 **MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A TRIPARTITE BOARD UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 9910.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2024.