

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1442

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “a Public Defender System Advisory Board” and substitute “a certain number of Public Defender Regional Advisory Boards”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 16, strike “one Public Defender System Advisory Board” and substitute “four Public Defender Regional Advisory Boards”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 29 through 39, inclusive.

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) IN THIS SECTION, “BOARD” MEANS A PUBLIC DEFENDER REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD.

(B) (1) THERE ARE FOUR PUBLIC DEFENDER REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARDS.

(2) EACH BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS, OF WHICH THREE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR ALL BUSINESS.

(3) THE FIRST BOARD SHALL ADVISE PUBLIC DEFENDER DISTRICTS ONE, EIGHT, AND NINE, WHICH ENCOMPASS BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE COUNTY, AND HARFORD COUNTY.

(4) THE SECOND BOARD SHALL ADVISE PUBLIC DEFENDER DISTRICTS TWO AND THREE, WHICH ENCOMPASS DORCHESTER, WICOMICO, SOMERSET,

(Over)

WORCESTER, CAROLINE, TALBOT, QUEEN ANNE'S, KENT, AND CECIL COUNTIES.

(5) THE THIRD BOARD SHALL ADVISE PUBLIC DEFENDER DISTRICTS FOUR, FIVE, AND SEVEN, WHICH ENCOMPASS CHARLES, ST. MARY'S, CALVERT, PRINCE GEORGE'S, AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTIES.

(6) THE FOURTH BOARD SHALL ADVISE PUBLIC DEFENDER DISTRICTS SIX, TEN, ELEVEN, AND TWELVE, WHICH ENCOMPASS MONTGOMERY, HOWARD, CARROLL, FREDERICK, WASHINGTON, ALLEGANY, AND GARRETT COUNTIES.

(7) EACH MEMBER SHALL BE A JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT, OR AN ACTIVE ATTORNEY AT LAW ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND.

(8) A MEMBER OF A BOARD SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF A DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY THAT BOARD AND SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS.

(9) ANY VACANCY OCCURRING ON A BOARD DURING THE TERM OF ANY MEMBER SHALL BE FILLED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

(10) THE GOVERNOR SHALL ANNUALLY DESIGNATE A CHAIRMAN OF EACH BOARD, WHO SHALL PRESIDE OVER AND REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THAT BOARD IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in line 7, strike "THE" and substitute "EACH"; and in line 10, after "defender" insert "FROM A DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY THAT BOARD.".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, in line 11, strike "The"; in the same line, after "boards]" insert "EACH"; in line 12, strike "office" and substitute "OFFICES"; in line 13, strike "defender" and substitute "DEFENDERS"; and in line 14, strike the second "the" and substitute "EACH".

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, in line 16, strike "THE" and substitute "EACH".