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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Foster Care Review Boards - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of local foster care reviewboards; and

4 generally relating to the composition of foster care review boards.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article - Family Law

7 Section 5-541(a)

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

10 %SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article - Family Law**

13 5-541.

14 (a) (1) A local board consists of [5] 7 members [and 2 alternates] appointed  
15 by the Governor.

16 (2) If a single multicounty local board is established for 2 or more counties,  
17 and if it is necessary that 1 or more of those counties have a greater number of members  
18 on the local board in order for the local board to have [5] 7 members, the greater  
19 number of members shall be appointed from the counties that have the largest foster care  
20 populations, in order of the size of the foster care populations.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

22 October 1, 1996.

