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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Political Subdivisions - Residency Requirements for Chief Executive**
3 **Officers**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a candidate for the office of the chief executive officer of
5 a political subdivision to be a resident of the political subdivision for a certain
6 period of time under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for
7 the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to residency requirements
8 for chief executive officers of political subdivisions.

9 BY adding to
10 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions
11 Section 1-108
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

17 1-108.

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
19 INDICATED.

20 (2) "CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER" MEANS:

21 (I) THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY; OR

22 (II) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

23 (3) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS:

24 (I) BALTIMORE CITY; OR

1 (II) MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

2 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A CANDIDATE
3 FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
4 SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS
5 PRECEDING THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

6 (C) IF THE CHARTER OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION CONTAINS A DURATIONAL
7 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT THAT IS LONGER THAN 6 MONTHS, THE LONGER
8 DURATIONAL RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT SHALL BE RETAINED IF THE GOVERNING
9 BODY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION REAFFIRMS THE LONGER DURATIONAL
10 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT BY ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE NO
11 LATER THAN 4 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE FILING DEADLINE SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 33, §
12 5-303(A) OF THE CODE.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 June 1, 1999.