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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Human Resources - Local Social Services Boards -**
3 **Membership**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing an increase in the size of the boards of the local
5 departments of social services as provided by local law, subject to a certain
6 maximum number of members; repealing language relating to certain counties
7 to conform to this Act; and generally relating to the membership of the boards of
8 the local departments of social services.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
11 Section 4
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
16 Section 14(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

21 **Article 88A - Department of Human Resources**

22 4.

23 The term "local governing authority" as used in this article means:

24 (1) When referring to executive action, the board of county
25 commissioners of a county not having a charter form of government, the highest
26 executive authority of a county having a charter form of government, and in
27 Baltimore City the Mayor;

1 (2) If referring to purely legislative authority, the board of county
2 commissioners in a county not having a charter form of government, the county
3 council in a county having a charter form of government, and in Baltimore City the
4 City Council;

5 (3) In referring to combined executive and legislative power, the board of
6 county commissioners in a county not having a charter form of government, the
7 county council and the highest executive authority in a county having a charter form
8 of government, and in Baltimore City the Mayor and the City Council.

9 14.

10 (a) (1) The local department in each county shall have a board, appointed as
11 hereinafter provided and herein referred to as the local board. [Except as provided in
12 paragraph (3) of this subsection, the] THE local board shall be composed of [nine
13 members] AT LEAST NINE BUT NO MORE THAN 13 MEMBERS, AS PROVIDED BY LOCAL
14 LAW AND ENACTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY. The members shall
15 receive no salary for their services, but their reasonable expenses incurred in
16 attending meetings or performing other official duties shall be paid. Each local board
17 shall select its own chairman on July 1st of each year.

18 (2) Each local board chairman shall serve as liaison between the local
19 board and the State Board.

20 [(3) (i) In Frederick County and in Garrett County, the local board
21 shall be composed of at least 9 but no more than 13 members, as determined by the
22 Board of County Commissioners.

23 (ii) In Harford County, the local board shall be composed of at least
24 9 but no more than 13 members, as provided by local law enacted by the County
25 Council and approved by the County Executive.

26 (iii) In Montgomery County, the local board shall be composed of at
27 least 9 but no more than 13 members, as provided by local law enacted by the County
28 Council and approved by the County Executive.

29 (iv) In Baltimore City, the local board shall be composed of at least 9
30 but no more than 13 members, as provided by local law enacted by the Mayor and
31 City Council of Baltimore City.]

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 October 1, 2006.