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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Commission for Women – Appointment of Members**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the manner by which the members of the Maryland
4 Commission for Women are appointed; requiring the President of the Senate
5 and the Speaker of the House of Delegates jointly to nominate all of the
6 individuals to serve as members of the Commission and to submit the names of
7 the nominees to the Governor; requiring the Governor to appoint to the
8 Commission all of the nominees submitted by the President and the Speaker,
9 subject to the advice and consent of the Senate; requiring the President and the
10 Speaker jointly to nominate in a certain manner the individuals to serve as
11 members of the Commission; providing that certain current members of the
12 Commission who were appointed by the Governor, the President, and the
13 Speaker and whose terms expire in certain years may be renominated and
14 reappointed to one additional consecutive term of office or replaced by new
15 members in accordance with this Act; and generally relating to the appointment
16 of the members of the Maryland Commission for Women.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Human Services
19 Section 2–403
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article - Human Services**

4 2-403.

5 [(a) The Commission consists of:

6 (1) nine individuals appointed by the Governor, with the advice and
7 consent of the Senate;

8 (2) eight individuals appointed by the President of the Senate of
9 Maryland; and

10 (3) eight individuals appointed by the Speaker of the House of
11 Delegates.

12 (b) (1) The following members shall be appointed from among applicants
13 who have been nominated and recommended for appointment by organizations located
14 in the State whose interests relate to the status of women:

15 (i) four members appointed by the Governor;

16 (ii) four members appointed by the President of the Senate of
17 Maryland; and

18 (iii) four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Delegates.

20 (2) The following members shall be appointed from applicants
21 applying on their own behalf:

22 (i) five members appointed by the Governor;

23 (ii) four members appointed by the President of the Senate of
24 Maryland; and

25 (iii) four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
26 Delegates.]

27 **(A) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF 25 MEMBERS.**

28 **(B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
29 **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES**
30 **JOINTLY SHALL NOMINATE ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF**

1 THE COMMISSION AND SUBMIT THE NAMES OF THE NOMINEES TO THE
2 GOVERNOR.

3 (2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TO THE COMMISSION,
4 SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, ALL OF THE NOMINEES
5 SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER.

6 (3) THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER SHALL NOMINATE
7 INDIVIDUALS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION IN THE FOLLOWING
8 MANNER:

9 (I) 13 OF THE NOMINEES SHALL BE FROM AMONG
10 APPLICANTS WHO HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED IN
11 THE STATE WHOSE INTERESTS RELATE TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN; AND

12 (II) 12 OF THE NOMINEES SHALL BE FROM AMONG
13 APPLICANTS APPLYING ON THEIR OWN BEHALF.

14 (c) To the extent practicable, in making [appointments] THE NOMINATIONS
15 under this section, [the Governor,] the President of the Senate[,] and the Speaker of
16 the House OF DELEGATES shall ensure geographic diversity among the membership
17 of the Commission.

18 (d) (1) The term of a commissioner is 4 years.

19 (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms
20 provided for members of the Commission on October 1, 2007.

21 (3) A commissioner may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

22 (4) At the end of a term, a commissioner continues to serve until a
23 successor is appointed and qualifies.

24 (5) A commissioner who is appointed after a term has begun serves
25 only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

26 (e) A commissioner who fails to attend at least 50% of the regularly
27 scheduled meetings of the Commission during any 12-month period shall be
28 considered to have resigned.

29 (f) Commissioners are not entitled to receive compensation for their services.

30 2-404.

31 (a) The Commission shall elect a chair and a vice chair from among its
32 members.

1 (b) The Commission may appoint any officers that it considers necessary.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

3 (a) the members of the Maryland Commission for Women who were
4 appointed by the Governor and whose terms end in 2009, 2010, and 2011, respectively,
5 may be:

6 (1) renominated jointly by the President of the Senate and the
7 Speaker of the House and, if so, shall be reappointed by the Governor, subject to the
8 advice and consent of the Senate, to one additional consecutive term of office; or

9 (2) replaced with new members nominated and appointed in
10 accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of this Act; and

11 (b) the members of the Commission who were appointed by the President of
12 the Senate and the members of the Commission who were appointed by the Speaker of
13 the House, all of whose terms end in 2009, 2010, and 2011, respectively, may be:

14 (1) renominated jointly by the President of the Senate and the
15 Speaker of the House and, if so, shall be reappointed by the Governor, subject to the
16 advice and consent of the Senate, to one additional consecutive term of office; or

17 (2) replaced with new members nominated and appointed in
18 accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 June 1, 2009.