

## Chapter 834

## (Senate Bill 746)

AN ACT concerning

**District Court Commissioners – Residency in Contiguous County**

FOR the purpose of providing that, ~~subject to a certain exception~~ *exceptions*, a District Court Commissioner may be a resident of a county contiguous to the county in which the commissioner serves; and generally relating to District Court Commissioners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
 Section 2–607(b)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2–607.

(b) (1) ~~(I) Commissioners~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH SUBPARAGRAPHS (II), (III), AND (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, COMMISSIONERS** shall be adult residents of the [counties] COUNTY OR A COUNTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE COUNTY in which they serve, but they need not be lawyers.

**(II) IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ADULT RESIDENTS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OR A COUNTY CONTIGUOUS TO ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, EXCEPT BALTIMORE CITY, BUT THEY NEED NOT BE LAWYERS.**

**(III) IN BALTIMORE CITY, COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ADULT RESIDENTS OF BALTIMORE CITY, BUT THEY NEED NOT BE LAWYERS.**

**(IV) IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ADULT RESIDENTS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY OR A COUNTY CONTIGUOUS TO BALTIMORE COUNTY, EXCEPT BALTIMORE CITY, BUT THEY NEED NOT BE LAWYERS.**

(2) Each commissioner shall hold office at the pleasure of the Chief Judge of the District Court, and has the powers and duties prescribed by law.

(3) Except without additional compensation, unless otherwise fixed by law, an employee of the District Court, who is an adult, may be granted, in the same manner, commissioner powers and duties in the county where the employee is employed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 27, 2017.**