

SENATE BILL 746

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Judicial Proceedings/Judiciary* —

Introduced by **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
8 Section 2–607(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2 2–607.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.