

HOUSE BILL 532

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegate Barnes**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Government – Municipal Annexation – Petition and Referendum**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing a certain redevelopment authority to sign a certain petition
4 for annexation and vote in an annexation referendum under certain circumstances;
5 and generally relating to municipal annexation.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Local Government
8 Section 4–402
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Local Government
13 Section 4–413
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Local Government**

19 4–402.

20 An annexation proposal may be initiated by:

21 (1) the legislative body of the municipality as provided in § 4–403 of this
22 subtitle; or

23 (2) a petition in accordance with § 4–404 of this subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 4-413.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PERSON" INCLUDES A REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
3 IN A CHARTER COUNTY THAT:

4 (1) IS CREATED BY STATUTE;

5 (2) OWNS PROPERTY THAT HAS RECEIVED CAPITAL FUNDS FROM THE
6 STATE FOR REDEVELOPMENT; AND

7 (3) HAS ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT, AFTER A COMPETITIVE
8 SOLICITATION, WITH A FOR-PROFIT ENTITY FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE
9 PROPERTY.

10 (B) If fewer than 20 residents in an area to be annexed are eligible to sign a
11 petition for annexation and vote in a referendum under this subtitle, any person, including
12 the two or more joint owners of jointly owned property, who owns real property in the area
13 to be annexed may sign the petition and vote in the referendum.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
15 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
16 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
17 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
18 enacted.