

# SENATE BILL 351

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HB 678/13 – APP

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By: **Senator Jackson**

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2025

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of State Police – Residency Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the residency requirements for police employees of the  
4 Department of State Police; and generally relating to residency requirements of  
5 employees of the Department of State Police.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Public Safety  
8 Section 2–402  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Public Safety**

14 2–402.

15 (a) (1) In accordance with the State budget, the Secretary shall appoint the  
16 employees that the Secretary considers necessary for the efficient administration of the  
17 Department.

18 (2) The Secretary shall make each appointment from a list of eligible  
19 candidates in accordance with the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

20 (b) Each **CIVILIAN** appointee to the Department shall:

21 (1) be a resident of the State on the date of appointment; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (2)    have the character, education, and other qualifications established by  
2 the Secretary under this title.

3           **(C)    EACH POLICE APPOINTEE TO THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

4                   **(1)    BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OR RESIDE WITHIN 25 MILES**  
5 **OUTSIDE ITS BORDERS ON THE DATE OF APPOINTMENT AND FOR THE DURATION OF**  
6 **THE APPOINTEE’S EMPLOYMENT; AND**

7                   **(2)    HAVE    THE    CHARACTER,    EDUCATION,    AND    OTHER**  
8 **QUALIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER THIS TITLE.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2025.