

# HOUSE BILL 1172

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Economic Development Authority – Alterations**

3 **Ho. Co. 14–26**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a certain individual designate a certain  
5 representative as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors of the Howard  
6 County Economic Development Authority; altering the frequency of certain Board  
7 meetings; amending the title of certain staff for the Authority; and generally relating  
8 to the Howard County Economic Development Authority.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 The Public Local Laws of Howard County  
11 Section 26.102(b) and (g) and 26.103(a)(1)  
12 Article 14 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
13 (2019 Edition and October 2024 Supplement, as amended)

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

16 **Article 14 – Howard County**

17 26.102.

18 (b) [(1)] The Board shall have 13 voting members appointed by the County  
19 Executive with the approval of the County Council.

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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.



1                    [(2) The Chairman of the Mid–Maryland Private Industry Council shall  
2 designate a Howard County private sector representative from the Council to be an ex  
3 officio nonvoting member.]

4            (g)    (1)    Seven members of the Board[, excluding the ex officio nonvoting  
5 member] constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business.

6            (2)    The affirmative vote of at least seven members is required before the  
7 Board may take action.

8            (3)    The Board shall meet at least once [each] **EVERY OTHER** month at the  
9 times and places that it determines and more often at the call of the chair.

10 26.103.

11            (a)    (1)    Subject to the approval of the Board, the County Executive shall  
12 nominate one or more candidates for Executive Director, who shall be the Chief  
13 [Administrative] **EXECUTIVE** Officer of the Authority.

14            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.