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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICS LAW
ANNUAL CERTIFICATION (Form 26)

General Information and filing deadline

This form should be completed by the appropriate county or municipal ethics official on behalf of the county ethics commission or the municipal ethics commission. It is to be submitted to State Ethics Commission at the above address on or before October 1 of each year. See §5-807(b) of Md. Code Ann., General Provision, Title 5.

The purpose of this form is to provide the certification required by §5-807(b) of the State Ethics Law. The certification states that the county or municipality is in compliance with State Ethics Law requirements for elected local officials. Section 5-807(b) requires the local ethics law be equivalent to or exceed the requirements of the State Ethics Law provisions for conflicts of interest and financial disclosure for elected local officials.¹

Identifying Information

Name of County or Municipality: _____

Name of Person Completing Form: _____

Title of Person Completing Form: _____

Address of Person Completing Form: _____

Phone Number (Office): _____

Phone Number (Cell): _____

Email Address: _____

¹ See also §5-808 and §5-809.

Certifications

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the current ethics code for _____ (county/municipality) includes conflicts of interest provisions for elected local officials and candidates for local elected office that are equivalent to or more stringent than the requirements for State elected officials as set forth in Subtitle 5, Title 5 of General Provision Article.
and

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the current ethics code for _____ (county/municipality) includes financial disclosure requirements for elected local officials and candidates for local elected office that are equivalent to or more stringent than the requirements for State elected officials as set forth in Subtitle 5, Title 5 of General Provision Article.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Information on the local ethics law and Commission

Date of last amendment to the local ethics law: _____

Date of last approval of the law by the State Ethics Commission: _____

Names and Addresses of the local ethics commission or local ethics board members:

Please attach a copy of the county's/municipality's most recent ethics law.

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Senate Bill 109 – Maryland Public Ethics Law – School Boards – Compliance Certification

Testimony Before the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

The State Ethics Commission provides this informational written testimony to explain the impact of this proposed legislation as set forth in the agency's fiscal note submitted on this bill. Senate Bill 109 will not have a fiscal impact on the State Ethics Commission. The proposed legislation would have a small operational impact that the agency can absorb with its current resources. The State Ethics Commission will be required to work with all local boards of education to notify them of the annual certification requirement, develop a certification form similar to other certification forms used by the agency, and monitor certification compliance. Currently, counties and municipalities that are required to adopt local ethics laws certify to the State Ethics Commission annually that their respective local ethics laws include certain conflict of interest and financial disclosure requirements for local elected officials and candidates for local elected office established in Subtitle 8 of the Public Ethics Law. Each bi-county commission must also submit an annual compliance certification to the State Ethics Commission that its ethics regulations contain certain conflict of interest and financial disclosure requirements for employees and lobbying provisions similar to State lobbying provisions.

Local boards of education will be required to submit an annual certification form to the State Ethics Commission in compliance with the proposed legislation. Local boards of education may have to amend existing ethics policies to include this annual certification requirement.