AN ACT clarifying that a Board or Commission must consist of at least five members; requiring a member of a Board or Commission to be a Howard County resident; providing for exceptions; and generally relating to Boards and Commissions.
Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County Code is hereby amended as follows:

By amending:

Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.
Section 6.300. Boards and Commissions in general.

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Subtitle 3. Boards and Commissions

Sec. 6.300. Boards and Commissions in general.
(a) Under section 404 of the Howard County Charter, members of Boards and Commissions shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.
(b) A Board or Commission shall consist of at least five [[residents of Howard County]] members who shall serve:
   (1) Overlapping terms of three years; or
   (2) Until a successor is confirmed.
(c) Unless otherwise specifically provided in law for a particular Board or Commission, a member of a Board or Commission shall be a resident of Howard County.
(d) A member is not eligible for immediate reappointment to a Board or Commission if:
   (1) The member has served eight or more consecutive years on a Board; and
   (2) The member's term expires.
(e) A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and for the unexpired term.
(f) If County law requires a Board or Commission member to have certain qualifications, the County Executive may appoint a member of the general public after certifying that:
   (1) A reasonable search was made to find a person who met the specific qualifications; and
   (2) A person could not be found.
(g) Board members shall receive no compensation for their services except reasonable and necessary expenses as may be provided in the budget.

Section 2. Be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.