

# SENATE BILL 178

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By: **Senator Gladden**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Heads of Departments and Independent Agencies –**  
3 **Qualifications**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that a head of a principal department or of an  
5 independent agency in the State must be a resident of the State; providing for  
6 the application of this Act; and generally relating to the qualifications of a head  
7 of a principal department or of an independent agency in the State.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article – State Government  
10 Section 8–505  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – State Government**

16 **8–505.**

17 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**  
18 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

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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) “INDEPENDENT AGENCY” MEANS AN OFFICE, A COMMISSION,**  
 2 **A BOARD, A DEPARTMENT, OR AN AGENCY ESTABLISHED AS AN INDEPENDENT**  
 3 **UNIT OF GOVERNMENT THAT MAY RECEIVE BUDGETARY OR ADMINISTRATIVE**  
 4 **SUPPORT FROM THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

5           **(3) “PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**  
 6 **8-201 OF THIS TITLE.**

7           **(B) A HEAD OF A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OR OF AN INDEPENDENT**  
 8 **AGENCY IN THE STATE SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be  
 10 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have  
 11 any effect on or application to any individual appointed or hired before the effective  
 12 date of this Act.

13           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 14 October 1, 2014.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.