

HOUSE BILL 476

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CF SB 746

By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

Committee Report: Favorable

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **District Court Commissioners – Residency in Contiguous County**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a District Court Commissioner may be a resident of a
4 county contiguous to the county in which the commissioner serves; and generally
5 relating to District Court Commissioners.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
8 Section 2–607(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 2–607.

15 (b) (1) Commissioners shall be adult residents of the [counties] **COUNTY OR**
16 **A COUNTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE COUNTY** in which they serve, but they need not be
17 lawyers.

18 (2) Each commissioner shall hold office at the pleasure of the Chief Judge
19 of the District Court, and has the powers and duties prescribed by law.

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 (3) Except without additional compensation, unless otherwise fixed by law,
2 an employee of the District Court, who is an adult, may be granted, in the same manner,
3 commissioner powers and duties in the county where the employee is employed.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2017.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.