

Chapter 302

**(Senate Bill 212)**

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore Metropolitan Council – Queen Anne’s County – Membership**

FOR the purpose of adding to the Baltimore Metropolitan Council a member who is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County; clarifying that the new member serves at the pleasure of the Board; providing that a Delegate or Senator who represents a district located in Queen Anne’s County may be appointed as a member of the Council; and generally relating to the membership of Queen Anne’s County in the Baltimore Metropolitan Council.

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

**Article – Economic Development**

13–302.

(a) There is a Baltimore Metropolitan Council.

(b) The Council:

(1) is a body politic and corporate; and

(2) is not a unit of State government.

(c) The purposes of the Council are to:

(1) serve as a forum for local officials and their representatives to identify and address problems in the region;

(2) provide a central source of information and coordination for fashioning responses to needs in the region;

(3) assist local jurisdictions in developing regional policies, prioritizing regional infrastructure needs, and developing regional strategies; and

(4) facilitate coordination and collaboration among local jurisdictions and organizations in the Baltimore region to foster economic growth and development in the region in areas that include:

- (i) regional transportation;
- (ii) housing;
- (iii) workforce development; and
- (iv) renewable energy projects and usage.

13–303.

(a) The Council consists of:

(1) one member appointed by the County Executive of Anne Arundel County;

(2) one member appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City;

(3) one member appointed by the County Executive of Baltimore County;

(4) one member appointed by the County Commissioners of Carroll County;

(5) one member appointed by the County Executive of Harford County;

(6) one member appointed by the County Executive of Howard County;

(7) **ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY;**

(8) one member of the House of Delegates who represents a district within Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, [or] Howard County, **OR QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY**, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

**[(8)] (9)** one member of the Senate of Maryland who represents a district within Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford

County, [or] Howard County, **OR QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY**, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

**[(9)] (10)** one representative of the private sector appointed by the Governor.

(b) A member appointed under subsection (a)(1) through **[(6)] (7)** of this section serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.**