

Chapter 303

(House Bill 173)

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.