

# SENATE BILL 652

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By: **Senator Young**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Real Property – Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Governing**  
3 **Bodies**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the governing body of a condominium to convene at least a  
5 certain number of meetings each year; requiring the developer of a condominium to  
6 establish a certain board of directors and appoint a certain person to the board of  
7 directors within a certain period of time from the date a certain number of currently  
8 subdivided units is conveyed under certain circumstances; requiring a developer to  
9 deliver certain notices regarding a certain bond to certain individuals within a  
10 certain period of time; requiring a council of unit owners to keep books, records, and  
11 accounts beginning on the date the council is established; requiring a council of unit  
12 owners to maintain certain books, records, and accounts in a certain manner; making  
13 certain provisions of law applicable to the accounts of a condominium; requiring a  
14 declarant to establish a certain governing body and appoint a certain person to the  
15 governing body of a homeowners association within a certain period of time from the  
16 date a certain number of currently subdivided lots is conveyed under certain  
17 circumstances; requiring a declarant to deliver certain notices regarding a certain  
18 bond to certain individuals within a certain period of time; requiring the governing  
19 body of a homeowners association to convene at least a certain number of meetings  
20 each year; requiring a homeowners association to maintain books, records, and  
21 accounts beginning on the date the homeowners association is established; requiring  
22 a homeowners association to maintain certain books, records, and accounts in a  
23 certain manner; making certain provisions of law applicable to the accounts of a  
24 homeowners association; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the  
25 governing bodies of condominium councils of unit owners and homeowners  
26 associations.

27 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
28 Article – Real Property  
29 Section 11–109(b)  
30 Annotated Code of Maryland

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property

Section 11–109(a) and (c), 11–114.1(d), 11–116, 11–132, 11B–106.1, 11B–111,  
11B–111.6(d), and 11B–112(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

### Article – Real Property

11–109.

(a) (I) The affairs of the condominium shall be governed by a council of unit owners which, even if unincorporated, is constituted a legal entity for all purposes.

(II) The council of unit owners shall be comprised of all unit owners.

(b) The bylaws may authorize or provide for the delegation of any power of the council of unit owners to a board of directors, officers, managing agent, or other person for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities of the council of unit owners.

(c) (1) A meeting of the council of unit owners or board of directors may not be held on less notice than required by this section.

(2) The council of unit owners shall maintain a current roster of names and addresses of each unit owner to which notice of meetings of the board of directors shall be sent at least annually.

(3) (I) Each unit owner shall furnish the council of unit owners with his name and current mailing address.

(II) A unit owner may not vote at meetings of the council of unit owners until this information is furnished.

(4) A regular or special meeting of the council of unit owners may not be held on less than 10 nor more than 90 days':

(i) Written notice delivered or mailed to each unit owner at the address shown on the roster on the date of the notice; or

(ii) Notice sent to each unit owner by electronic transmission, if the requirements of § 11–139.1 of this title are met.

1 (5) Notice of special meetings of the board of directors shall be given:

2 (i) As provided in the bylaws; or

3 (ii) If the requirements of § 11–139.1 of this title are met, by  
4 electronic transmission.

5 (6) (I) **THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL CONVENE AT LEAST TWO**  
6 **MEETINGS EACH YEAR.**

7 (II) Except as provided in § 11–109.1 of this title, a meeting of a  
8 governing body shall be open and held at a time and location as provided in the notice or  
9 bylaws.

10 (7) (i) This paragraph does not apply to any meeting of the governing  
11 body that occurs at any time before the meeting at which the unit owners elect officers or a  
12 board of directors in accordance with paragraph [(16)] (17) of this subsection.

13 (ii) Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph and to reasonable  
14 rules adopted by the governing body under § 11–111 of this title, a governing body shall  
15 provide a designated period of time during a meeting to allow unit owners an opportunity  
16 to comment on any matter relating to the condominium.

17 (iii) During a meeting at which the agenda is limited to specific topics  
18 or at a special meeting, the unit owners' comments may be limited to the topics listed on  
19 the meeting agenda.

20 (iv) The governing body shall convene at least one meeting each year  
21 at which the agenda is open to any matter relating to the condominium.

22 (8) (i) Unless the bylaws provide otherwise, a quorum is deemed  
23 present throughout any meeting of the council of unit owners if persons entitled to cast [25  
24 percent] 25% of the total number of votes appurtenant to all units are present in person or  
25 by proxy.

26 (ii) If the number of persons present in person or by proxy at a  
27 properly called meeting of the council of unit owners is insufficient to constitute a quorum,  
28 another meeting of the council of unit owners may be called for the same purpose if:

29 1. The notice of the meeting stated that the procedure  
30 authorized by this paragraph might be invoked; and

31 2. By majority vote, the unit owners present in person or by  
32 proxy call for the additional meeting.

33 (iii) 1. Fifteen days' notice of the time, place, and purpose of the

1 additional meeting shall be delivered, mailed, or sent by electronic transmission if the  
2 requirements of § 11–139.1 of this title are met, to each unit owner at the address shown  
3 on the roster maintained under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

4                                   2.     The notice shall contain the quorum and voting provisions  
5 of subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph.

6                                   (iv)   1.     At the additional meeting, the unit owners present in  
7 person or by proxy constitute a quorum.

8                                   2.     Unless the bylaws provide otherwise, a majority of the  
9 unit owners present in person or by proxy:

10                                   A.     May approve or authorize the proposed action at the  
11 additional meeting; and

12                                   B.     May take any other action that could have been taken at  
13 the original meeting if a sufficient number of unit owners had been present.

14                                   (v)   This paragraph may not be construed to affect the percentage of  
15 votes required to amend the declaration or bylaws or to take any other action required to  
16 be taken by a specified percentage of votes.

17                                   (9)   **(I)**   At meetings of the council of unit owners each unit owner shall  
18 be entitled to cast the number of votes appurtenant to his unit.

19                                   **(II)**   Unit owners may vote by proxy, but the proxy is effective only for  
20 a maximum period of 180 days following its issuance, unless granted to a lessee or  
21 mortgagee.

22                                   (10)   Any proxy may be revoked at any time at the pleasure of the unit owner  
23 or unit owners executing the proxy.

24                                   (11)   A proxy who is not appointed to vote as directed by a unit owner may  
25 only be appointed for purposes of meeting quorums and to vote for matters of business  
26 before the council of unit owners, other than an election of officers and members of the  
27 board of directors.

28                                   (12)   Only a unit owner voting in person or by electronic transmission if the  
29 requirements of § 11–139.2 of this title are met or a proxy voting for candidates designated  
30 by a unit owner may vote for officers and members of the board of directors.

31                                   (13)   **(I)**   Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, a unit owner may  
32 nominate himself or any other person to be an officer or member of the board of directors.

33                                   **(II)**   A call for nominations shall be sent to all unit owners not less  
34 than 45 days before notice of an election is sent.

1 (III) Only nominations made at least 15 days before notice of an  
2 election shall be listed on the election ballot.

3 (IV) Candidates shall be listed on the ballot in alphabetical order,  
4 with no indicated candidate preference.

5 (V) Nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting at which  
6 the election to the board is held.

7 (14) Election materials prepared with funds of the council of unit owners  
8 shall list candidates in alphabetical order and may not indicate a candidate preference.

9 (15) Unless otherwise provided in this title, and subject to provisions in the  
10 bylaws requiring a different majority, decisions of the council of unit owners shall be made  
11 on a majority of votes of the unit owners listed on the current roster present and voting.

12 **(16) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT 25% OF THE CURRENTLY**  
13 **SUBDIVIDED UNITS THAT MAY BE PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT AFTER ALL PHASES**  
14 **ARE COMPLETE HAVE BEEN CONVEYED BY THE DEVELOPER TO MEMBERS OF THE**  
15 **PUBLIC FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, THE DEVELOPER SHALL:**

16 **(I) ESTABLISH A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE COUNCIL OF**  
17 **UNIT OWNERS, IF THE DEVELOPER HAS NOT DONE SO ALREADY; AND**

18 **(II) APPOINT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF**  
19 **DIRECTORS FOR THE COUNCIL OF UNIT OWNERS WHO IS:**

20 **1. A UNIT OWNER; AND**

21 **2. NOT OTHERWISE AFFILIATED WITH THE DEVELOPER.**

22 **[(16)] (17) (i)** A meeting of the council of unit owners to elect a board of  
23 directors for the council of unit owners, as provided in the condominium declaration or  
24 bylaws, shall be held within:

25 **1.** 60 days from the date that units representing **[50 percent]**  
26 **50%** of the votes in the condominium have been conveyed by the developer to members of  
27 the public for residential purposes; or

28 **2.** If a lesser percentage is specified in the declaration or  
29 bylaws of the condominium, 60 days from the date the specified lesser percentage of units  
30 in the condominium are sold to members of the public for residential purposes.

31 **(ii) 1.** Before the date of the meeting held under subparagraph

1 (i) of this paragraph, the developer shall deliver to each unit owner notice that the  
2 requirements of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph have been met.

3 2. The notice shall include the date, time, and place of the  
4 meeting to elect the board of directors for the council of unit owners.

5 (iii) If a replacement board member is elected, the term of each  
6 member of the board of directors appointed by the developer shall end 10 days after the  
7 meeting is held as specified in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

8 **(IV) 1. WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE MEETING**  
9 **HELD UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE DEVELOPER SHALL**  
10 **DELIVER TO EACH OF THE OFFICERS OR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
11 **FOR THE COUNCIL OF UNIT OWNERS NOTICE OF:**

12 **A. ANY BOND PROVIDED BY THE DEVELOPER TO A**  
13 **GOVERNMENTAL UNIT IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT; AND**

14 **B. THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF**  
15 **THE PERSON THROUGH WHICH A CLAIM AGAINST THE BOND MAY BE ASSERTED.**

16 **2. AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE A DEVELOPER REQUESTS**  
17 **TO BE RELEASED FROM A BOND PROVIDED BY THE DEVELOPER TO A**  
18 **GOVERNMENTAL UNIT, THE DEVELOPER SHALL DELIVER TO EACH OF THE OFFICERS**  
19 **OR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE COUNCIL OF UNIT OWNERS**  
20 **NOTICE OF:**

21 **A. THE INTENTION TO BE RELEASED FROM THE BOND;**  
22 **AND**

23 **B. THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF**  
24 **THE PERSON THROUGH WHICH A CLAIM AGAINST THE BOND MAY BE ASSERTED.**

25 **[(iv)] (V)** Within 30 days from the date of the meeting held under  
26 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the developer shall deliver to the officers or board of  
27 directors for the council of unit owners, as provided in the condominium declaration or  
28 bylaws, at the developer's expense:

29 1. The documents specified in § 11–132 of this title;

30 2. The condominium funds, including operating funds,  
31 replacement reserves, investment accounts, and working capital;

32 3. The tangible property of the condominium; and

1                   4.     A roster of current unit owners, including mailing  
2 addresses, telephone numbers, and unit numbers, if known.

3                   [(v)] (VI)   1.     This subparagraph does not apply to a contract  
4 entered into before October 1, 2009.

5                   2.     A.     In this subparagraph, “contract” means an  
6 agreement with a company or individual to handle financial matters, maintenance, or  
7 services for the condominium.

8                   B.     “Contract” does not include an agreement relating to the  
9 provision of utility services or communication systems.

10                  3.     Until all members of the board of directors of the  
11 condominium are elected by the unit owners at a transitional meeting as specified in  
12 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, a contract entered into by the officers or board of  
13 directors of the condominium may be terminated, at the discretion of the board of directors  
14 and without liability for the termination, not later than 30 days after notice.

15                  [(vi)] (VII) If the developer fails to comply with the requirements of  
16 this paragraph, an aggrieved unit owner may submit the dispute to the Division of  
17 Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General under § 11–130(c) of this title.

18 11–114.1.

19                  (d)     A copy of the fidelity insurance policy or fidelity bond shall be included in the  
20 books [and], records, AND ACCOUNTS kept and made available by the council of unit  
21 owners under § 11–116 of this title.

22 11–116.

23                  (a)     The council of unit owners shall keep books [and], records, AND ACCOUNTS  
24 BEGINNING ON THE DATE THE COUNCIL OF UNIT OWNERS IS ESTABLISHED, in  
25 accordance with good accounting practices on a consistent basis.

26                  (b)     On the request of the unit owners of at least [5 percent] 5% of the units, the  
27 council of unit owners shall cause an audit of the books [and], records, AND ACCOUNTS to  
28 be made by an independent certified public accountant, provided an audit shall be made  
29 not more than once in any consecutive 12–month period. The cost of the audit shall be a  
30 common expense.

31                  (c)     (1)   (i)    1.     Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, all  
32 books [and], records, AND ACCOUNTS, including insurance policies, kept by the council of  
33 unit owners shall be maintained in Maryland or within 50 miles of its borders and shall be  
34 available at some place designated by the council of unit owners for examination or copying,  
35 or both, by any unit owner, a unit owner’s mortgagee, or their respective duly authorized

1 agents or attorneys, during normal business hours, and after reasonable notice.

2                                   **2. ALL BOOKS, RECORDS, AND ACCOUNTS KEPT BY THE**  
3 **COUNCIL OF UNIT OWNERS SHALL BE MAINTAINED SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE**  
4 **BOOKS, RECORDS, AND ACCOUNTS OF THE DEVELOPER OR OF ANY OTHER PERSON.**

5                                   (ii) If a unit owner requests in writing a copy of financial statements  
6 of the condominium or the minutes of a meeting of the board of directors or other governing  
7 body of the condominium to be delivered, the board of directors or other governing body of  
8 the condominium shall compile and send the requested information by mail, electronic  
9 transmission, or personal delivery:

10                                   1. Within 21 days after receipt of the written request, if the  
11 financial statements or minutes were prepared within the 3 years immediately preceding  
12 receipt of the request; or

13                                   2. Within 45 days after receipt of the written request, if the  
14 financial statements or minutes were prepared more than 3 years before receipt of the  
15 request.

16                                   (2) Books [and], records, **AND ACCOUNTS** required to be made available  
17 under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall first be made available to a unit owner not  
18 later than 15 business days after a unit is conveyed from a developer and the unit owner  
19 requests to examine or copy the books [and], records, **AND ACCOUNTS**.

20                                   (3) Books [and], records, **AND ACCOUNTS** kept by or on behalf of a council  
21 of unit owners may be withheld from public inspection, except for inspection by the person  
22 who is the subject of the record or the person's designee or guardian, to the extent that they  
23 concern:

24                                   (i) Personnel records, not including information on individual  
25 salaries, wages, bonuses, and other compensation paid to employees;

26                                   (ii) An individual's medical records;

27                                   (iii) An individual's personal financial records, including assets,  
28 income, liabilities, net worth, bank balances, financial history or activities, and  
29 creditworthiness;

30                                   (iv) Records relating to business transactions that are currently in  
31 negotiation;

32                                   (v) The written advice of legal counsel; or

33                                   (vi) Minutes of a closed meeting of the board of directors or other  
34 governing body of the council of unit owners, unless a majority of a quorum of the board of



1 directors or governing body that held the meeting approves unsealing the minutes or a  
2 recording of the minutes for public inspection.

3 (d) (1) Except for a reasonable charge imposed on a person desiring to review  
4 or copy the books [and], records, **AND ACCOUNTS** or who requests delivery of information,  
5 the council of unit owners may not impose any charges under this section.

6 (2) A charge imposed under paragraph (1) of this subsection for copying  
7 books [and], records, **AND ACCOUNTS** may not exceed the limits authorized under Title 7,  
8 Subtitle 2 of the Courts Article.

9 11–132.

10 On transfer of control by the developer to the council of unit owners, the developer  
11 shall turn over documents including:

12 (1) Copies of the condominium's filed articles of incorporation, recorded  
13 declaration, and all recorded covenants, bylaws, plats, and restrictions of the condominium;

14 (2) Subject to the restrictions of § 11–116 of this title, all books [and],  
15 records, **AND ACCOUNTS** of the condominium, including financial statements, minutes of  
16 any meeting of the governing body, and completed business transactions;

17 (3) Any policies, rules, and regulations adopted by the governing body;

18 (4) The financial records of the condominium from the date of creation to  
19 the date of transfer of control, including budget information regarding estimated and actual  
20 expenditures by the condominium and any report relating to the reserves required for major  
21 repairs and replacement of the common elements of the condominium;

22 (5) A copy of all contracts to which the condominium is a party;

23 (6) The name, address, and telephone number of any contractor or  
24 subcontractor employed by the condominium;

25 (7) Any insurance policies in effect and all prior insurance policies;

26 (8) Any permit or notice of code violation issued to the condominium by the  
27 county, local, State, or federal government;

28 (9) Any warranty in effect;

29 (10) Drawings, architectural plans, or other suitable documents setting  
30 forth the necessary information for location, maintenance, and repair of all condominium  
31 facilities; and

32 (11) Individual owner files and records, including assessment account

1 records, correspondence, and notices of any violations.

2 11B-106.1.

3 **(A) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT AT LEAST 25% OF THE NUMBER**  
4 **OF CURRENTLY SUBDIVIDED LOTS THAT MAY BE PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT AFTER**  
5 **ALL PHASES ARE COMPLETE HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
6 **FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, THE DECLARANT SHALL:**

7 **(1) ESTABLISH A GOVERNING BODY FOR THE HOMEOWNERS**  
8 **ASSOCIATION, IF THE DECLARANT HAS NOT DONE SO ALREADY; AND**

9 **(2) APPOINT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER TO THE GOVERNING BODY FOR**  
10 **THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION WHO IS:**

11 **(I) A LOT OWNER; AND**

12 **(II) NOT OTHERWISE AFFILIATED WITH THE DECLARANT OR A**  
13 **VENDOR OF LOTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT.**

14 **[(a)] (B)** A meeting of the members of the homeowners association to elect a  
15 governing body of the homeowners association shall be held within:

16 (1) 60 days from the date that at least 75% of the total number of lots that  
17 may be part of the development after all phases are complete are sold to members of the  
18 public for residential purposes; or

19 (2) If a lesser percentage is specified in the governing documents of the  
20 homeowners association, 60 days from the date the specified lesser percentage of the total  
21 number of lots in the development after all phases are complete are sold to members of the  
22 public for residential purposes.

23 **[(b)] (C)** (1) Before the date of the meeting held under subsection **[(a)] (B)** of  
24 this section, the declarant shall deliver to each lot owner notice that the requirements of  
25 subsection **[(a)] (B)** of this section have been met.

26 (2) The notice shall include the date, time, and place of the meeting to elect  
27 the governing body of the homeowners association.

28 **[(c)] (D)** The term of each member of the governing body of the homeowners  
29 association appointed by the declarant shall end 10 days after the meeting under subsection  
30 **[(a)] (B)** of this section is held, if a replacement board member is elected.

31 **[(d)] (E)** Within 30 days from the date of the meeting held under subsection **[(a)]**  
32 **(B)** of this section, the declarant shall deliver the following items to the governing body at

1 the declarant's expense:

2 (1) The deeds to the common areas;

3 (2) Copies of the homeowners association's filed articles of incorporation,  
4 declaration, and all recorded covenants, plats, restrictions, and any other records of the  
5 primary development and of related developments;

6 (3) A copy of the bylaws and rules of the primary development and of other  
7 related developments as filed in the depository of the county in which the development is  
8 located;

9 (4) The minute books, including all minutes;

10 (5) Subject to the restrictions of § 11B–112 of this title, all books [and],  
11 records, **AND ACCOUNTS** of the homeowners association, including financial statements,  
12 minutes of any meeting of the governing body, and completed business transactions;

13 (6) Any policies, rules, and regulations adopted by the governing body;

14 (7) The financial records of the homeowners association from the date of  
15 creation to the date of transfer of control, including budget information regarding estimated  
16 and actual expenditures by the homeowners association and any report relating to the  
17 reserves required for major repairs and replacement of the common areas of the  
18 homeowners association;

19 (8) A copy of all contracts to which the homeowners association is a party;

20 (9) The name, address, and telephone number of any contractor or  
21 subcontractor employed by the homeowners association;

22 (10) Any insurance policies in effect;

23 (11) Any permit or notice of code violations issued to the homeowners  
24 association by the county, local, State, or federal government;

25 (12) Any warranty in effect and all prior insurance policies;

26 (13) The homeowners association funds, including operating funds,  
27 replacement reserves, investment accounts, and working capital;

28 (14) The tangible property of the homeowners association;

29 (15) A roster of current lot owners, including their mailing addresses,  
30 telephone numbers, and lot numbers, if known;

31 (16) Individual member files and records, including assessment account

1 records, correspondence, and notices of any violations; and

2 (17) Drawings, architectural plans, or other suitable documents setting  
3 forth the necessary information for location, maintenance, and repairs of all common areas.

4 ~~[(e)]~~ **(F)** (1) This subsection does not apply to a contract entered into before  
5 October 1, 2009.

6 (2) (i) In this subsection, “contract” means an agreement with a  
7 company or individual to handle financial matters, maintenance, or services for the  
8 homeowners association.

9 (ii) “Contract” does not include an agreement relating to the  
10 provision of utility services or communication systems.

11 (3) Until all members of the governing body are elected by the lot owners  
12 at a transitional meeting under subsection ~~[(a)]~~ **(B)** of this section, a contract entered into  
13 by the governing body may be terminated, at the discretion of the governing body and  
14 without liability for the termination, not later than 30 days after notice.

15 **(G) (1) WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE MEETING HELD UNDER**  
16 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DECLARANT SHALL DELIVER TO EACH**  
17 **MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY NOTICE OF:**

18 **(I) ANY BOND PROVIDED BY THE DECLARANT TO A**  
19 **GOVERNMENTAL UNIT IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT; AND**

20 **(II) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE**  
21 **PERSON THROUGH WHICH A CLAIM AGAINST THE BOND MAY BE ASSERTED.**

22 **(2) AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE A DECLARANT REQUESTS TO BE**  
23 **RELEASED FROM A BOND PROVIDED BY THE DECLARANT TO A GOVERNMENTAL**  
24 **UNIT, THE DECLARANT SHALL DELIVER TO EACH MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY**  
25 **NOTICE OF:**

26 **(I) THE INTENTION TO BE RELEASED FROM THE BOND; AND**

27 **(II) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE**  
28 **PERSON THROUGH WHICH A CLAIM AGAINST THE BOND MAY BE ASSERTED.**

29 ~~[(f)]~~ **(H)** If the declarant fails to comply with the requirements of this section, an  
30 aggrieved lot owner may submit the dispute to the Division of Consumer Protection of the  
31 Office of the Attorney General under § 11B–115(c) of this title.

32 11B–111.

1 Except as provided in this title, and notwithstanding anything contained in any of  
2 the documents of the homeowners association:

3 (1) Subject to the provisions of item (4) of this section, all meetings of the  
4 homeowners association, including meetings of the board of directors or other governing  
5 body of the homeowners association or a committee of the homeowners association, shall  
6 be open to all members of the homeowners association or their agents;

7 (2) All members of the homeowners association shall be given reasonable  
8 notice of all regularly scheduled open meetings of the homeowners association;

9 (3) (i) This item does not apply to any meeting of a governing body that  
10 occurs at any time before the lot owners, other than the developer, have a majority of votes  
11 in the homeowners association, as provided in the declaration;

12 (ii) Subject to item (iii) of this item and to reasonable rules adopted  
13 by a governing body, a governing body shall provide a designated period of time during a  
14 meeting to allow lot owners an opportunity to comment on any matter relating to the  
15 homeowners association;

16 (iii) During a meeting at which the agenda is limited to specific topics  
17 or at a special meeting, the lot owners' comments may be limited to the topics listed on the  
18 meeting agenda; and

19 (iv) The governing body shall convene at least one meeting each year  
20 at which the agenda is open to any matter relating to the homeowners association;

21 (4) A meeting of the board of directors or other governing body of the  
22 homeowners association or a committee of the homeowners association may be held in  
23 closed session only for the following purposes:

24 (i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel;

25 (ii) Protection of the privacy or reputation of individuals in matters  
26 not related to the homeowners association's business;

27 (iii) Consultation with legal counsel on legal matters;

28 (iv) Consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, board  
29 members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal  
30 matters;

31 (v) Investigative proceedings concerning possible or actual criminal  
32 misconduct;

33 (vi) Consideration of the terms or conditions of a business

1 transaction in the negotiation stage if the disclosure could adversely affect the economic  
2 interests of the homeowners association;

3 (vii) Compliance with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially  
4 imposed requirement protecting particular proceedings or matters from public disclosure;  
5 or

6 (viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts; [and]

7 (5) If a meeting is held in closed session under item (4) of this section:

8 (i) An action may not be taken and a matter may not be discussed if  
9 it is not permitted by item (4) of this section; and

10 (ii) A statement of the time, place, and purpose of a closed meeting,  
11 the record of the vote of each board or committee member by which the meeting was closed,  
12 and the authority under this section for closing a meeting shall be included in the minutes  
13 of the next meeting of the board of directors or the committee of the homeowners  
14 association; **AND**

15 **(6) THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL CONVENE AT LEAST TWO MEETINGS**  
16 **EACH YEAR.**

17 11B-111.6.

18 (d) A copy of the fidelity insurance policy or fidelity bond shall be included in the  
19 books [and], records, **AND ACCOUNTS** kept and made available by or on behalf of the  
20 homeowners association under § 11B-112 of this title.

21 11B-112.

22 (a) **(1) (I) THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SHALL MAINTAIN BOOKS,**  
23 **RECORDS, AND ACCOUNTS BEGINNING ON THE DATE THE HOMEOWNERS**  
24 **ASSOCIATION IS ESTABLISHED.**

25 **(II) ALL BOOKS, RECORDS, AND ACCOUNTS KEPT BY THE**  
26 **HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE MAINTAINED SEPARATE AND APART FROM**  
27 **THE BOOKS, RECORDS, AND ACCOUNTS OF THE DECLARANT OR OF ANY OTHER**  
28 **PERSON.**

29 ~~[(1)]~~ **(2)** (i) Subject to the provisions of paragraph ~~[(2)]~~ **(3)** of this  
30 subsection, all books [and], records, **AND ACCOUNTS** kept by or on behalf of the  
31 homeowners association shall be made available for examination or copying, or both, by a  
32 lot owner, a lot owner's mortgagee, or their respective duly authorized agents or attorneys,  
33 during normal business hours, and after reasonable notice.

1 (ii) Books [and], records, AND ACCOUNTS required to be made  
2 available under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall first be made available to a lot  
3 owner no later than 15 business days after a lot is conveyed by the declarant and the lot  
4 owner requests to examine or copy the books [and], records, AND ACCOUNTS.

5 (iii) If a lot owner requests in writing a copy of financial statements  
6 of the homeowners association or the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of the  
7 homeowners association to be delivered, the governing body of the homeowners association  
8 shall compile and send the requested information by mail, electronic transmission, or  
9 personal delivery:

10 1. Within 21 days after receipt of the written request, if the  
11 financial statements or minutes were prepared within the 3 years immediately preceding  
12 receipt of the request; or

13 2. Within 45 days after receipt of the written request, if the  
14 financial statements or minutes were prepared more than 3 years before receipt of the  
15 request.

16 [(2)] (3) Books [and], records, AND ACCOUNTS kept by or on behalf of a  
17 homeowners association may be withheld from public inspection, except for inspection by  
18 the person who is the subject of the record or the person's designee or guardian, to the  
19 extent that they concern:

20 (i) Personnel records, not including information on individual  
21 salaries, wages, bonuses, and other compensation paid to employees;

22 (ii) An individual's medical records;

23 (iii) An individual's personal financial records, including assets,  
24 income, liabilities, net worth, bank balances, financial history or activities, and  
25 creditworthiness;

26 (iv) Records relating to business transactions that are currently in  
27 negotiation;

28 (v) The written advice of legal counsel; or

29 (vi) Minutes of a closed meeting of the governing body of the  
30 homeowners association, unless a majority of a quorum of the governing body of the  
31 homeowners association that held the meeting approves unsealing the minutes or a  
32 recording of the minutes for public inspection.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
34 October 1, 2020.