

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2022 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 815  
Ways and Means

(Delegate Parrott, *et al.*)

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**Election Law - Congressional Representatives - Residence Requirement**

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This bill establishes that, beginning November 1, 2024, a candidate for Representative in Congress who is elected must, beginning on the date of the candidate's election, be a resident of the congressional district that the candidate has been elected to represent.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not directly affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Under Article I, § 2 of the U.S. Constitution, a Representative in Congress must be at least age 25, have been a U.S. citizen for seven years, and be, when elected, an inhabitant of the state in which he or she is chosen.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** HB 1503 of 2020 received a hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee, but no further action was taken.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** State Board of Elections; Department of Legislative Services

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