

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0303
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Cole, Young, Henry, Middleton, D'Adamo, Kraft, Welch,
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Cable Communications Advisory
Commission, Mayor's Office of Cable and Communications

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Cable Communications Advisory Commission – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the number of members on the Commission to correspond to the
4 changed number of Council Districts; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related
5 provisions; and generally relating to the composition of the Cable Communications Advisory
6 Commission.

7 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

8 Article 2 - Consumer Protections
9 Section(s) 2-1 and 2-2(c)(2) and (3)
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

12 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
13 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 2. Consumer Protections**

16 **Subtitle 2. Cable Communications Advisory Commission**

17 **§ 2-1. Commission established.**

18 (a) *Created.*

19 There is a Cable Communications Advisory Commission[, which shall consist of 9
20 members appointed by the Mayor in accordance with Article IV, § 6 of the Baltimore
21 City Charter (1964 Revision, as amended)].

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (b) *Composition and appointment.*

2 (1) THE COMMISSION COMPRISES 14 MEMBERS, 1 FROM EACH COUNCIL DISTRICT,
3 APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, § 6 OF THE CITY
4 CHARTER.

5 (2) [(1) There shall be at least 1] EACH member [who is] MUST BE a resident OF and
6 REGISTERED voter [from each of the 6 Councilmanic districts] IN THE COUNCIL
7 DISTRICT FROM WHICH THE MEMBER IS APPOINTED.

8 (3) [(2)] The members shall be appointed without regard to political party affiliation.

9 (4) [(3)] No member [shall] MAY be an employee, stockholder, officer, or director of a
10 CATV franchisee[;]. [nor shall] NOR MAY any member have any financial interest,
11 direct or indirect, in the operation or ownership of a franchise. The fact that a
12 member subscribes to cable television service [shall] IS not [be considered] a conflict
13 of interest.

14 (5) [(4)] The members appointed may represent the following interests: law, cable
15 technology, education, finance, and communications.

16 **§ 2-2. Organization; operations.**

17 (c) *Meetings.*

18 (2) [A majority of the] 8 members of the Commission [shall constitute] ARE a quorum for
19 the transaction of business.

20 (3) [For the Commission to take official action there must be an] AN affirmative vote of
21 at least [5] 8 members IS NEEDED FOR ANY ACTION BY THE COMMISSION.

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
23 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
24 Ordinance.

25 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
26 after the date it is enacted.