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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Cole

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Cable Communications Advisory Commission - Membership**

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

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

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

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

Baltimore City Code

Article 2. Consumer Protections

Subtitle 2. Cable Communications Advisory Commission

§ 21. Commission established.

(a) Created.

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

(b) Composition and appointment.

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

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

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

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

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

§ 22. Organization; operations.

(c) Meetings.

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

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

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

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

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