



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Sneed

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

City Officials - Residency Requirements

For the purpose of establishing residency requirements for certain agency heads and at-will supervisory employees; providing a certain qualified, short-term exception; defining certain terms; providing for the prospective application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to residency requirements, as limited by State law, for City personnel.

By authority of

State Code Article - General Provisions
Section 1-201
(2014 Volume and 2016 Supplement)
(As amended by Chapter 776, 2017 Acts of the General Assembly)

By adding

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
Section 7-10
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 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Subtitle 7. City Officers and Employees

§ 7-10. Residency Requirements for City Officials.

(a) *Definitions.*

(1) *In general.*

In this section, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(2) *Agency.*

“Agency” means any department, any bureau or division within a department, and any board, commission, authority, council, committee, office, or other unit of City government.

(3) *Official.*

“Official” means:

- (i) the head of an agency who reports directly to the Mayor; and
- (ii) any at-will supervisory employee who reports directly to the Mayor or to the head of an agency.

(b) *Residency requirements.*

Every official:

- (1) must be a resident and registered voter of Baltimore City at the time of his or her appointment, except only as otherwise authorized by subsection (c) of this section; and
- (2) must remain a resident and registered voter of Baltimore City throughout his or her entire term of office.

(c) *Qualified, short-term exception.*

(1) *In general.*

Subsection (b)(1) of this section does not apply to an official who, before her or his appointment, signs a declaration of intent to become a City resident and registered voter within 6 months of the effective date of her or his appointment.

(2) *Termination for failure to timely comply.*

If the official fails to abide by this declaration of intent within the 6-month period, the official’s appointment is automatically terminated at the end of that period.

Section 2. And be it further ordained, That this Ordinance applies only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to the continued employment of any individual employed by the City before the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 3. 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 4. And be it further ordained, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.