



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Sneed

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

Baltimore City Residency Requirements - Prohibition Against Purposeful Evasion

For the purpose of prohibiting a re-organization or shift in staff reporting requirements in order to purposefully evade the Baltimore City residency requirements; and establishing that a violation of that prohibition is a ethics violation enforceable under the City Ethics Code.

By repealing and reordaining, with amendments

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.

(d) *Prohibited act.*

(1) *In general.*

No person may reorganize or otherwise shift intra-agency staff reporting assignments to purposefully evade the residency requirements of this section for himself, herself, or others.

(2) *Enforcement.*

A violation of this subsection is an ethics violation and enforceable by the Baltimore City Board of Ethics under City Code Article 8, Subtitle 9 {“Ethics - Enforcement”}.

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.