

HOUSE BILL 1095

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By: **Delegate Fair**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Property Tax – Supervisors of Assessments – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Director of the Department of Assessments and
4 Taxation to appoint a supervisor of assessments to oversee multiple counties;
5 repealing the requirement that the Director select supervisors in accordance with a
6 certain process; waiving a certain residency requirement for a supervisor appointed
7 to oversee multiple counties; requiring certain counties to provide a supervisor
8 appointed to oversee multiple counties with an office in a certain location; and
9 generally relating to supervisors of assessments.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Tax – Property
12 Section 1–101(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Tax – Property
17 Section 1–101(mm), 2–105, and 2–106(a)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Tax – Property**

23 1–101.

24 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(mm) “Supervisor” means the supervisor of assessments for a county **OR MULTIPLE COUNTIES.**

2–105.

(a) **(1) [There] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THERE** is a supervisor for each county.

(2) THE DIRECTOR MAY APPOINT A SUPERVISOR TO OVERSEE MULTIPLE COUNTIES.

(b) [(1) In this subsection and subsection (c) of this section, “appropriate county official” means the Mayor of Baltimore City, the county commissioners or county council of each county, or, if the county charter provides for a county executive, the county executive with the approval of the county council.

(2)] Each supervisor:

[(i)] (1) shall be appointed by the Director; and

[(ii)] (2) shall be in the management service of the State Personnel Management System.

[(3) The Director shall appoint each supervisor from a list of five qualified individuals submitted to the Director by the appropriate county official. The Director shall give the appropriate county official written notice that a vacancy exists in that county. Unless the Director extends the period on written request from the appropriate county official, the appropriate county official shall submit its list of nominees to the Director on or before 60 days from the date the Director notifies the official of the vacancy.

(4) If the Director finds that none of the nominees on a list meets the qualifications set under § 2–109 of this subtitle, the Director may reject all of them and request the appropriate county official to provide a new list. If the appropriate county official does not submit a new list within 20 days of receiving the Director’s request, the Director may appoint any qualified individual.]

(c) **(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “APPROPRIATE COUNTY OFFICIAL” MEANS THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR COUNTY COUNCIL OF EACH COUNTY, OR, IF THE COUNTY CHARTER PROVIDES FOR A COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

(2) In addition to the qualifications set under § 2–109 of this subtitle, a supervisor:

(i) may not hold any other public office of profit;

(ii) on appointment, need not be a resident of the county for which the supervisor was appointed, but, **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, shall become a resident of the county after the appointment is made; and

(iii) may not continue to hold office after reaching the age of 70 years.

[(2)] (3) The appropriate county official may waive the residency requirement of paragraph **[(1)(ii)] (2)(II)** of this subsection.

[(3)] If the appropriate county official nominates an individual under subsection (b)(3) of this section who is not currently a resident of the county, the residency requirement of paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection is waived for that individual.]

(4) IF THE DIRECTOR APPOINTS A SUPERVISOR TO OVERSEE MULTIPLE COUNTIES, THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS WAIVED.

(d) A supervisor may be removed from office only after a hearing before the Department and a finding of incompetency or other cause.

(e) The classifications and salaries of supervisors shall be set in accordance with the provisions of Division I of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

2–106.

(a) **(1)** Each county shall provide the supervisor of **[the] A SINGLE** county with an office in the county seat or in Baltimore City, for the supervisor of Baltimore City.

(2) IF A SUPERVISOR OVERSEES MULTIPLE COUNTIES, THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR SHALL BE LOCATED SHALL PROVIDE THE SUPERVISOR WITH AN OFFICE IN THE COUNTY SEAT OR IN BALTIMORE CITY, IF THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR TO BE LOCATED IN BALTIMORE CITY.

(3) The Department is responsible for providing each supervisor with clerical staff, equipment, and other facilities and assistance that the Department considers necessary and as provided in the State budget.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.