

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 9

Bill No. 30-23

Mr. Julian E. Jones, Jr., Chairman
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, April 17, 2023

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Ethics Commission

FOR the purpose of transferring the Ethics Commission from the Office of the Inspector General to the Office of Law; providing for the appointment of an Executive Director; providing for the staff of the Office and its supervision; and generally relating to the Ethics Commission.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 3-3-1003, 3-3-1004(b) and (d), 3-3-1005,
Article 3 – Administration
Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations
Subtitle 10 – Ethics Commission
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 3-14-104 and 3-14-106(9) through (11)
Article 3 – Administration

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

Title 14 – Office of the Inspector General
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY adding

Sections 3-3-1004(e)
Article 3 – Administration
Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations
Subtitle 10 – Ethics Commission
Baltimore County Code, 2015

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

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ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

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Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations

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Subtitle 10 – Ethics Commission

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8 § 3-3-1003.

9 Subject to confirmation by the County Council, the County Executive shall appoint a
10 member of the Ethics Commission to serve as [chairman] CHAIR of the Commission for 1 year.

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12 § 3-3-1004.

13 (b) The Commission shall meet:

14 (1) Regularly, at least 10 times each year; and

15 (2) When required by the [chairman] CHAIR or a majority of the members of the
16 Commission.

17 (d) [(1) The Inspector General shall be the Executive Director of the Ethics

1 Commission and the Office shall provide legal and other staff support to the Commission.

2 (2) The budget of the Commission shall be determined in accordance with § 3-
3 14-105 of this article.]

4 (1) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE
5 DIRECTOR AND OTHER STAFF FOR THE COMMISSION AS THE COUNTY
6 EXECUTIVE CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

7 (2) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MUST:

8 (I) BE AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE
9 STATE AND IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE STATE SUPREME COURT; AND

10 (II) MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A
11 COMMISSION MEMBER.

12 (E) (1) OFFICE SPACE SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSION, ITS
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND STAFF.

14 (2) THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY THE
15 COMMISSION TO PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE COUNTY
16 BUDGET AND PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSION AND ITS STAFF.

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18 § 3-3-1005.

19 At the request of the Ethics Commission, the county shall provide sufficient funds to the
20 Ethics Commission should the need arise for:

21 (1) Legal assistance which cannot be provided by the Office of Law [or the
22 Office of the Inspector General]; or

23 (2) Investigative assistance which cannot be provided by the [Inspector General]

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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3 Title 14 – Office of the Inspector General

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5 § 3-14-104.

6 The Inspector General [shall also serve as the Executive Director of the Ethics
7 Commission, and] shall supervise the operations of the administrative staff of the Office of the
8 Inspector General, including the hiring, direction and discharge of all Office of the Inspector
9 General staff members in accordance with the County personnel laws.

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11 § 3-14-106.

12 The Office of the Inspector General may:

13 (9) [Provide support to the County Ethics Commission established under Title 3,
14 Subtitle 10 of this article;

15 (10)] Make recommendations to the County Executive and County Council
16 which would assist in the promotion of efficiency, accountability, and integrity in county
17 government; and

18 [(11)] (10) Do all things necessary to carry out the functions set forth in this title.

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20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
21 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect July 1, 2023.



LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION _____

DISPOSITION _____

ENACTED _____

EFFECTIVE _____

AMENDMENTS _____

ROLL CALL - LEGISLATION

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