

Chapter 140

(House Bill 690)

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland African American Museum Corporation – Board of Directors
– Membership**

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Board of Directors of the Maryland African American Museum Corporation; and generally relating to the Maryland African American Museum Corporation.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–2603(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–2603(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

Article – State Government

9–2603.

(a) (1) There is a Board of Directors of the Corporation.

(2) The Board shall manage the affairs of the Corporation and shall exercise all of its corporate powers.

(b) (1) The Board shall consist of ~~37~~ 25 members, as follows~~—THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:~~

(i) the Mayor of Baltimore, serving ex officio, or the Mayor’s designee; ~~and~~

(II) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(III) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;
AND

~~(iii)~~ **(IV)** [thirty–six] **THE FOLLOWING** members appointed by the Governor[, as follows]:

1. one representative of Morgan State University, approved by the Board of Regents of the University;

2. [the chairman of] **ONE MEMBER APPROVED BY** the Commission on African American History and Culture [or the chairman’s designee and two other Commission members approved by the Commission,] to provide continuing coordination and cooperation between the Corporation and the Commission and to ensure consistency with the statewide programs and mandates of the Commission;

3. [four representatives] **ONE REPRESENTATIVE** of African American historical or cultural institutions in the State; and

4. [twenty–eight] **NINETEEN** members who have expertise in African American history, culture, museums, or related areas, expertise in fund–raising, or represent the diversity of communities throughout the State that can benefit from the activities of the Corporation.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the members appointed to the Board shall represent the geographic makeup of the State and shall be racially and ethnically diverse.

(ii) The Governor may appoint to the Board up to five members from outside the State if necessary to ensure that the membership of the Board satisfies the requirements specified in paragraph (1)(ii)4 of this subsection.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2023.