

Chapter 136

(Senate Bill 331)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – West North Avenue Development Authority – Membership and Procurement

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the West North Avenue Development Authority; altering the date a certain comprehensive report is due and altering the content of the report; exempting the Authority from certain provisions of State procurement law; and generally relating to the West North Avenue Development Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Economic Development
 Section 12–702
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Economic Development
 Section 12–703 and 12–706(c)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article – Economic Development
 Section 12–703.1
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article – State Finance and Procurement
 Section 11–203(j)
 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 – Economic Development

12–702.

There is a West North Avenue Development Authority in Baltimore City.

12-703.

(a) The Authority consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland who represents the target area, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates who represents the target area, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) **THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

(6) **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;**

(7) one member of the Baltimore City Council who represents the target area, appointed by the President of the Baltimore City Council;

[(6)] (8) one member appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City;

[(7)] (9) one member appointed by the Governor;

[(8)] (10) the Director of the Baltimore Development Corporation, or the Director's designee;

[(9)] (11) the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development, or the Commissioner's designee;

[(10)] (12) the Director of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, or the Director's designee;

[(11)] (13) the Director of the Baltimore City Department of Planning, or the Director's designee;

[(12)] (14) the President of Coppin State University, or the President's designee;

[(13)] **(15)** the President of the Maryland Institute College of Art, or the President's designee; ~~and~~

(16) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY, OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE; AND

[(14)] ~~(16)~~ **(17)** two members who are residents of communities impacted by the target area or buffer zone, selected by the majority vote of the leadership of the following organizations:

- (i) Alliance of Rosemont Community Associations;
- (ii) Bolton Hill Community Association;
- (iii) Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation;
- (iv) Druid Heights Community Development Corporation;
- (v) Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council;
- (vi) Penn North Community Association; and

(vii) collectively, the leadership of the Reservoir Hill Improvement Council, the Reservoir Hill Association, and the Upper Eutaw Madison Neighborhood Association.

(b) The President of Coppin State University, or the President's designee, shall serve as the chair of the Authority.

12-706.

*(c) On or before [October 1] **DECEMBER 15, 2023**, the Authority shall report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, **INCLUDING ANY PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE AUTHORITY**, to the Governor and, in accordance with 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, **THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**, and the House Appropriations Committee.*

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Economic Development

12-703.1.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE AUTHORITY IS EXEMPT FROM DIVISION II OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(B) THE AUTHORITY IS SUBJECT TO TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 4 AND TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

Article – State Finance and Procurement

11–203.

(J) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THIS DIVISION II DOES NOT APPLY TO THE WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

(2) THE WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 4 AND TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. ~~§~~ Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective until the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 2 of Chapters 80 and 81 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021. If that termination provision takes effect, Section 1 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective through September 30, 2026, and, at the end of September 30, 2026, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2023.