

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That a new Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, designated "State Government", be enacted to read as follows:

Article - State Government

TITLE 1. DEFINITIONS.

1-101. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language used as the standard introductory language to a definition section.

(B) COUNTY.

"COUNTY" MEANS A COUNTY OF THE STATE AND, UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE, BALTIMORE CITY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to indicate that a reference in this article to "county" includes Baltimore City, unless the reference specifically provides otherwise.

Art. 1, § 14 of the Code provides that "county" includes Baltimore City "unless such construction would be unreasonable". However, the word "unreasonable" in that section has been interpreted in various ways. Therefore, the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code concluded that a more explicit definition of "county" should be included here.

(C) INCLUDES; INCLUDING.

"INCLUDES" OR "INCLUDING" MEANS INCLUDES OR INCLUDING BY WAY OF ILLUSTRATION AND NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to state expressly that the words "includes" and "including" are used in this article by way of illustration or expansion and not by way of limitation or restriction.

In light of this definition, former phrases such as "but not limited to" are deleted throughout this article as superfluous.

The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code emphasizes, however, that the absence of a like definition in a previously revised article of the Code