

- (1) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR HOWARD COUNTY;
- (2) PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, RELIEVE CONDITIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AND ENCOURAGE NEW JOB CREATION IN HOWARD COUNTY;
- (3) ENCOURAGE THE LOCATION OF NEW INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, AND BUSINESS FOR A BALANCED ECONOMY IN THE COUNTY;
- (4) ASSIST IN THE RETENTION OF EXISTING BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IN THE COUNTY AND INCREASE ITS COMMERCE; AND
- (5) GENERALLY PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE RESIDENTS OF HOWARD COUNTY.

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(A) THERE IS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AUTHORITY, WHICH SHALL MANAGE THE AFFAIRS OF THE AUTHORITY AND EXERCISE ALL ITS CORPORATE POWERS.

(B) (1) THE BOARD SHALL HAVE NINE VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(2) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MID-MARYLAND PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL SHALL DESIGNATE A HOWARD COUNTY PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COUNCIL TO BE AN EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBER.

(C) (1) BOARD MEMBERS SHALL EITHER BE RESIDENTS OF HOWARD COUNTY OR PERSONS WITH BUSINESS INTERESTS IN THE COUNTY.

(2) BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE SELECTED FOR KNOWN LEADERSHIP, EXPERIENCE, AND INTEREST IN THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE COUNTY AND SHALL REPRESENT A CROSS SECTION OF THE COUNTY.

(3) EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY, EMPLOYEES OF THE AUTHORITY, OR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS BOARD MEMBERS.

(D) (1) (I) EXCEPT FOR THE EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBER, BOARD MEMBERS SHALL SERVE STAGGERED TERMS OF 4 YEARS, AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON JULY 1, 1993.

(II) AT THE END OF A TERM, A BOARD MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(2) A BOARD MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THAT TERM OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(3) A MEMBER MAY NOT BE REAPPOINTED AFTER HAVING SERVED 8 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE REAPPOINTMENT.