

**CHAPTER 609**

**(House Bill 885)**

AN ACT concerning

**Human Relations Commission – Election for Judicial Action**

FOR the purpose of altering certain authority of the Human Relations Commission to make an election for certain judicial action in certain housing discrimination cases; authorizing certain parties to elect a certain judicial remedy instead of a certain administrative remedy; requiring a certain election to be made within a certain time; requiring a person who makes a certain election to give a certain notice; and generally relating to the Human Relations Commission and certain elections for judicial action.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 49B – Human Relations Commission  
Section 32(a) and (l)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article 49B – Human Relations Commission  
Section 32(b)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

**Article 49B – Human Relations Commission**

32.

(a) (1) When a charge is filed under § 30 of this subtitle, [the Commission may choose to have the claims asserted in the charge decided in a civil action under subsection (l) of this section instead of a hearing under subsection (b) of this section if:

(i) A] A complainant, RESPONDENT, or aggrieved person on whose behalf the complaint was filed [elects] MAY ELECT to have the claims asserted in the charge decided in a civil action under subsection [(k)] (L) of this section[; and] INSTEAD OF A HEARING UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

[(ii) The Commission determines that court action is warranted in the case.]

(2) [The complainant or aggrieved person must notify the Commission of their election of court action not later than 20 days after the receipt by the person of service under § 30 of this subtitle.] THE ELECTION AUTHORIZED UNDER PARAGRAPH