centers and cooperative library corporations; and generally relating to the Local Government Tort Claims Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5-301

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

## Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

5-301.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Actual malice" means ill will or improper motivation.
- (c) (1) "Employee" means any person who was employed by a local government at the time of the act or omission giving rise to potential liability against that person.
  - (2) "Employee" includes:
- (i) Any employee, either within or without a classified service or merit system;
  - (ii) An appointed or elected official; or
- (iii) A volunteer who, at the request of the local government, and under its control and direction, was providing services or performing duties.
  - (d) "Local government" means:
    - (1) A chartered county established under Article 25A of the Code;
    - (2) A code county established under Article 25B of the Code;
- (3) A board of county commissioners established or operating under Article 25 of the Code;
  - (4) Baltimore City;
- (5) A municipal corporation established or operating under Article 23A of the Code;
  - (6) The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
  - (7) The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission;
  - (8) The Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority;