

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Corporations and Associations

Section 1-401(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 6-109

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

Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions

1-109.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION.

(3) "GOVERNING BODY" MEANS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY OF A LOCAL ENTITY.

(4) "LOCAL ENTITY" MEANS A COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, BICOUNTY OR MULTICOUNTY AGENCY, PUBLIC AUTHORITY, SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR UNIT OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE.

(B) (1) A LOCAL ENTITY MAY DESIGNATE A CITIZEN OF THIS STATE WHO RESIDES IN THE STATE, A MARYLAND CORPORATION, OR AN OFFICER OF THE LOCAL ENTITY AS ITS RESIDENT AGENT BY FILING FOR RECORD WITH THE DEPARTMENT:

(I) A CERTIFICATION OF THE PERSON WHOM THE CHARTER OF THE LOCAL ENTITY AUTHORIZES TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE LOCAL ENTITY; OR

(II) IF THE CHARTER DOES NOT DESIGNATE A PERSON FOR SERVICE, A CERTIFIED COPY OF A RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL ENTITY'S GOVERNING BODY THAT AUTHORIZES THE DESIGNATION.

(2) IF A LOCAL ENTITY CHANGES ITS RESIDENT AGENT, THE LOCAL ENTITY MAY FILE FOR RECORD WITH THE DEPARTMENT: