

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal
 Section 20, 21, and 24 through 29, inclusive
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing
 Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal
 Section 22, 23, and 30
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal
 Section 22, 23, 24, and 29
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal

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

(2) "COUNTY GOVERNING BODY" MEANS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR COUNTY COUNCIL OF A COUNTY.

(3) "COUNTY LIAISON" MEANS A COUNTY OFFICIAL, OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE COUNTY OFFICIAL, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND THE COUNTY.

(4) "ORGANIZING COMMITTEE" MEANS THE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMUNITY THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WORKING WITH THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY ON THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION AFTER A PETITION FOR INCORPORATION IS VERIFIED.

(5) "ORGANIZING COMMUNITY" MEANS INDIVIDUALS RESIDING WITHIN A PARTICULAR UNINCORPORATED AREA WHO ARE INTERESTED IN FORMING A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(B) [The] THIS SUBTITLE GOVERNS THE incorporation of any area and group of [persons] INDIVIDUALS, not then existing as a municipal corporation [, shall be accomplished as in this subheading provided. At least three hundred persons must be maintaining a bona fide residence within the limits of any]. AN area proposed for