

HOWARD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO "AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS"

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Article 1 (Identification); §2 (Principal Office)

"The principal office of the Association shall be located at ~~8360 Court Avenue, Circuit Courthouse Building,~~ 3451 Courthouse Drive, District Court Multi-Service Center, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043 ..."

Article 2 (Membership and Membership Meetings), §2 (Active Membership)

"To be eligible for active membership in the Association, a person shall (a) be a member of the Bar of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and not disbarred or under suspension by any court or jurisdiction; and (b)(i) shall maintain in ~~the State of~~ Howard County, Maryland, a principal office (which is defined as that place where that person spends three (3) or more days each working week [Monday through Friday] during ordinary business hours), or (ii) be a resident of Howard County, Maryland ~~or maintain such an office in Howard County, Maryland and shall be engaged in the full-time practice of law.~~

Article 2 (Membership and Membership Meetings), §3 (Associate Membership)

To be eligible for associate membership in the Association, a person shall be (a) a law clerk for a judge, governmental office, or law firm of attorney and working in Howard County, Maryland; (b) a member of the Bar of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and not disbarred or under suspension by any court or jurisdiction; ~~or~~ (c) a full-time law professor or dean of a law school; or (d) a licensed attorney in the State of Maryland, a paralegal, or a law student or graduate of an accredited law school, who is not otherwise eligible for Active Membership in the Association pursuant to §2 of this Article.

Article 2 (Membership and Membership Meetings), §12(b) (Meetings)

"The annual meeting of the Association shall be held ~~on the first Friday in June~~ in the first week in May of each year or at such other ..."

Article 2 (Membership and Membership Meetings), §12(c) (Meetings)

“Special meetings shall be called at any time upon request by the President, by the Board of Directors, or by the President upon written request of twenty-five percent (25%) of the active members of the Association addressed to the President. A notice shall be given to the membership of the time, place and purpose of each special meeting at least forty-eight (48) hours ...”

Article 3 (Officers and Board of Directors), §6 (Meeting Attendance)

“Any Board member who does not attend, pursuant to §4(a) of this Article, at least Sixty percent (60%) of the scheduled Board Meetings shall be precluded from being a member of the Board of Directors for the following two (2) Bar Years.”

Article 7 (Judicial Merit Selection Committee), §4(a) (Scope of Selection Committee’s Activity)

~~“The Selection Committee is expressly authorized and directed to meet at its discretion, as decided by its Chair, at such times during the course of the year in order to discuss opportunities for and encourage qualified members of the Association to apply for vacancies for judicial positions that currently available or that might occur in the future.”~~

Article 7 (Judicial Merit Selection Committee), §5 (insert at end)(Composition of the Selection Committee)

“In the event the President is a current member of the bench or an applicant for a judicial vacancy, the power of appointment reverts to the highest-ranking officer who is not a candidate for such position. In the event no officer is eligible for the power of appointment, then such power shall revert to the At-Large Board member with the longest tenure.”