

# HOUSE BILL 168

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By: **Delegate Thiam**

Requested: October 31, 2021

Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2022

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – County Administrative Charging Committee –**  
3 **Composition**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that one member of the county administrative charging  
5 committee of Washington County have been previously employed by a certain law  
6 enforcement agency; and generally relating to county administrative charging  
7 committees.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 3–104(a)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 (As enacted by Chapter 59 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)

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

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 3–104.

18 (a) (1) Each county shall have one administrative charging committee to serve  
19 countywide law enforcement agencies and local law enforcement agencies within the  
20 county.

21 (2) A county administrative charging committee shall be composed of:

22 (i) the chair of the county's police accountability board, or another  
23 member of the accountability board designated by the chair of the accountability board;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) two civilian members selected by the county's police  
2 accountability board; and

3 (iii) two civilian members selected by the chief executive officer of the  
4 county.

5 **(3) IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, ONE OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE**  
6 **COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE MUST HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY**  
7 **EMPLOYED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF A COUNTY OR LOCAL**  
8 **GOVERNMENT, BUT MAY NOT BE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
9 **AGENCY.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2022.