

HOUSE BILL 47

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(PRE-FILED)

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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on State and Local Government Real Property Bearing**
3 **Confederate Names – Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on State and Local Government Real
5 Property Bearing Confederate Names; and generally relating to the Commission on
6 State and Local Government Real Property Bearing Confederate Names.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Government

9 Section 9–4201 through 9–4208 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 42.

10 Commission on State and Local Government Real Property Bearing

11 Confederate Names”

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – State Government**

17 **SUBTITLE 42. COMMISSION ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REAL PROPERTY**
18 **BEARING CONFEDERATE NAMES.**

19 **9–4201.**

20 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
21 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(B) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE COMMISSION ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REAL PROPERTY BEARING CONFEDERATE NAMES.

(C) "CONFEDERATE NAME" MEANS ANY NAME THAT COMMEMORATES OR REFERENCES ANY ASPECT OF THE STATES IN REBELLION OPERATING AS THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA FROM 1861 THROUGH 1865 OR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT SERVED VOLUNTARILY WITH OR ON BEHALF OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA IN ANY MILITARY OR CIVILIAN CAPACITY.

(D) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS:

(1) A COUNTY;

(2) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION;

(3) AN UNINCORPORATED TOWN;

(4) A SCHOOL DISTRICT;

(5) A SPECIAL DISTRICT; OR

(6) THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION.

(E) "REAL PROPERTY" INCLUDES STREETS, BUILDINGS, PARKS, AND SUBDIVISIONS.

9-4202.

(A) THERE IS A COMMISSION ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REAL PROPERTY BEARING CONFEDERATE NAMES.

(B) THE COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

9-4203.

(A) (1) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF 24 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT 1 REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH COUNTY.

(B) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER FOR INCOMPETENCE OR MISCONDUCT.

9-4204.

THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT ANNUALLY A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

9-4205.

(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY.

(2) IN ADDITION TO MEETING AT LEAST QUARTERLY, THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR OR THE GOVERNOR.

(B) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

9-4206.

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL HIRE AN ARCHIVIST TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION WITH ITS WORK.

(B) THE ARCHIVIST SHALL BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE ARCHIVES.

9-4207.

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A FRAMEWORK TO IDENTIFY REAL PROPERTY BEARING A CONFEDERATE NAME THAT IS OWNED BY THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; AND

(2) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE REAL PROPERTY THAT SHOULD BE RENAMED.

(B) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2033, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE MAYOR AND CITY

COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY, THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH COUNTY, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(C) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO RENAME REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

9-4208.

(A) (1) THE COMMISSION MAY SEEK MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FOUNDATIONS, AND PRIVATE SOURCES IN ADDITION TO STATE FINANCING.

(2) THE COMMISSION MAY ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS, BEQUESTS, OR ENDOWMENTS FOR ANY OF ITS PURPOSES.

(B) MONEY RECEIVED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND INCOME AND FEES DERIVED FROM EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION ARE NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(C) MONEY MAINTAINED UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE STATE, INCLUDING THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2027. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 years and, at the end of June 30, 2034, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.