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BICOUNTY COMMISSION ANNUAL ETHICS POLICY CERTIFICATION (Form No. 28)

General Information and Filing Deadline

This form should be completed by the appropriate bicounty commission ethics official on behalf of the bicounty commission. It is to be submitted to State Ethics Commission at the above address on or before April 30th of each year. See §§5-823, 5-829 and 5-830 of Md. Code Ann., General Provisions, Title 5.

The purpose of this form is to provide the certification required by §§5-823, 5-829 and 5-830 of the State Ethics Law. The certification states that the bicounty commission is in compliance with State Ethics Law requirements for conflict of interest and financial disclosure provisions for bicounty commission employees and for lobbying provisions for bicounty commissions. The certification also covers required publication and circulation of required annual report by bicounty commissions.

Identifying Information

Name of Bicounty Commission:
Name of Person Completing Form:
Title of Person Completing Form:
Address of Person Completing Form:
Phone Number (Office):
Phone Number (Cell):
Email Address:

Annual Certifications (complete 3):

1._____I HEREBY CERTIFY to the State Ethics Commission that, pursuant to §5-823 of the Public Ethics Law, the current ethics regulations for ______ (bicounty commission) includes conflicts of interest provisions for employees that are similar to the requirements for State employees as set forth in Subtitle 5, Title 5 of General Provisions Article. The bicounty commission has prepared an annual report by April 30th on its conflict of interest issues and regulations during the previous calendar year and published this report on its website, as well as submitted the report to the governing body of each county in which the bicounty commission operates;

I FURTHER CERTIFY to the State Ethics Commission that, pursuant to \$5-829 of the 2. Public Ethics Law. the current ethics regulations for (bicounty commission) includes financial disclosure requirements for employees of the bicounty commission that are substantially similar to the State financial disclosure provisions set forth in Subtitle 6, Title 5 of General Provisions Article and may not conflict with the financial disclosure provisions for commissioners and applicants specified in §§5-824 through 5-828 of the Public Ethics Law. The bicounty commission has submitted the financial disclosure regulations and any amendments to those regulations adopted under §5-829 to the State Ethics Commission and the governing body of each county in which the bicounty commission operates;

3. I FURTHER CERTIFY that, pursuant to §5-830 of the Public Ethics Law, the current ethics regulations related to lobbying for ________(bicounty commission) includes lobbying provisions that are, at a minimum, similar to the State lobbying provisions set forth in Subtitle 7, Title 5 of General Provisions Article. Pursuant to §5-830(b)(2), lobbying provisions may be modified to the extent necessary to make the regulations relevant to the bicounty commission. The bicounty commission has prepared an annual report by April 30th on lobbying before the bicounty commission and regulation of that lobbying by the bicounty commission for the previous calendar year and published this report on its website, as well as submitted the report to the governing body of each county in which the bicounty commission operates;

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Information on the Bicounty Commission Ethics Policy

Date of last amendment to the bicounty commission's ethics policy:

Please attach a copy of the bicounty commission's most recent ethics regulations