



# LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

## O-11-23

This summary was prepared by the City of Annapolis Office of Law for use by members of the Annapolis City Council during consideration of Ordinance 11-23.

### BACKGROUND

In July 2021, the City Council adopted O-14-21 creating a joint Annapolis and Anne Arundel County resilience authority.

The local law resulted from Maryland General Assembly's Senate Bill 457, creating Title 22 under Local Government, Division IV- Local Finance (*MD. Local Government Code Ann. § 22*).

The state law authorizes local governments to create an 'authority' to plan how to deal with the impact of climate change (significant storms, rising sea levels, changing weather patterns) and how to pay for mitigation through assorted revenue sources (general use funds, revenue bonds).

Annapolis joined with Anne Arundel County to create a joint resilience authority. However, some changes have been negotiated since the original law was adopted.

Anne Arundel County is considering legislation (Bill 23-23) with those negotiated changes.

O-11-23 contains the changes being made in the County legislation.

### BILL SUMMARY

- Creates staggered terms for members of the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County resilience authority
- Requires the director to be an Anne Arundel County employee
- Lets the Anne Arundel County Executive set the Resilience Authority Director's compensation.
- Revises how the Resilience Authority Chief Financial Officer is appointed
- Makes technical & clarifying changes to the Resilience Authority reporting requirements.
- Changes the rest of the code section to the current style based on the MD Legislative Drafting Manual & Office of Law Style Guide.

**CORRECTON:** The original summary stated that the city & county legislation needed to be adopted within 120 days of each other. That is not a requirement for this bill.