

HOUSE BILL 61

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(71r0587)

ENROLLED BILL

— *Environmental Matters / Judicial Proceedings* —

Introduced by **Delegates Eckardt, Cane, Haddaway, Smigiel, and Sossi**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mid-Shore Regional Council - Membership — ~~Immunity~~**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of voting members of the Mid-Shore Regional
4 Council appointed by the governing bodies of Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot
5 counties; authorizing the bylaws of the Mid-Shore Regional Council to provide
6 for additional public membership on the Council; and ~~providing that~~ generally
7 relating to the membership of the Mid-Shore Regional Council ~~is immune from~~
8 ~~being sued.~~

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 20C – Mid-Shore Regional Council

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 Section 2-101
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

4 ~~BY adding to~~
 5 ~~Article — Courts and Judicial Proceedings~~
 6 ~~Section 5-506.1~~
 7 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 8 ~~(2006 Replacement Volume)~~

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

11 **Article 20C - Mid-Shore Regional Council**

12 2-101.

13 (a) The membership of the Council consists of the following members from
 14 Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot counties:

15 (1) [Nine] **SIX COUNCILMEMBERS OR** commissioners, [three] **TWO**
 16 from each county, appointed by their respective county governing bodies as voting
 17 members;

18 (2) Three county administrators, one from each county as nonvoting ex
 19 officio members;

20 (3) (i) Three municipal elected officials, one from each county,
 21 appointed by their respective municipal corporations as voting members; or

22 (ii) If the municipal corporations located in a county are unable
 23 to choose a municipal elected official within a reasonable period of time, the Eastern
 24 Shore Municipal Association shall appoint an elected municipal official to represent
 25 the municipal corporation;

26 (4) Members of the General Assembly representing the region who
 27 have a majority of their legislative district in the region as voting ex officio members;

28 (5) Members of the General Assembly representing the region who do
 29 not have a majority of their legislative district in the region as nonvoting ex officio
 30 members; and

1 (6) The other **COUNCILMEMBERS OR** commissioners as nonvoting ex
2 officio members.

3 (b) (1) A voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner listed under
4 subsection (a)(1) of this section may designate another **COUNCILMEMBER OR**
5 commissioner or county administrator representing the same county to vote by proxy
6 on behalf of the voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner when the voting
7 **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner is absent from a meeting.

8 (2) A voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner listed under
9 subsection (a)(1) of this section shall inform the council executive director, in advance,
10 of which other council members the voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR** commissioner
11 designates to cast a proxy vote on behalf of the voting **COUNCILMEMBER OR**
12 commissioner.

13 (c) The bylaws of the Council may provide for additional private citizen **OR**
14 **PUBLIC** membership on the Council.

15 ~~Article Courts and Judicial Proceedings~~

16 ~~5-506.1~~

17 ~~THE MID-SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL IS IMMUNE FROM BEING SUED.~~

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2007.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.