

# SENATE BILL 710

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By: **Senators Madaleno, Benson, Forehand, Kelley, Manno, Montgomery, and Raskin**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Public Service Commission; and  
4 generally relating to the Public Service Commission.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Public Utilities  
7 Section 2–102  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Public Utilities**

13 2–102.

14 (a) The Commission consists of [five] **NINE** commissioners, appointed by the  
15 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

16 (b) (1) Each commissioner shall be a registered voter of the State.

17 (2) The Commission shall be:

18 (i) broadly representative of the geographic and demographic  
19 diversity of the State and of the public; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) composed of individuals with diverse training and  
2 experience.

3 (c) Each commissioner shall devote full time to the duties of office.

4 (d) (1) The term of a commissioner is 5 years and begins on July 1.

5 (2) The terms of commissioners are staggered as required by the terms  
6 in effect for commissioners on July 1, **[2006] 2013**.

7 (3) At the end of a term, a commissioner continues to serve until a  
8 successor qualifies.

9 (4) A commissioner who is appointed after a term has begun serves for  
10 the rest of the term and until a successor qualifies.

11 (e) Before taking office, each appointee to the Commission shall take the  
12 oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

13 (f) The Governor may remove a commissioner for incompetence or  
14 misconduct in accordance with § 3–307 of the State Government Article.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of office of the  
16 members of the Public Service Commission appointed under this Act shall expire as  
17 follows:

18 (1) one commissioner at the end of June 30, 2014;

19 (2) one commissioner at the end of June 30, 2015;

20 (3) one commissioner at the end of June 30, 2016; and

21 (4) one commissioner at the end of June 30, 2017.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 June 1, 2013.