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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 729

(Calvert County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Matters

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Calvert County - County Commissioners - Method of Election

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This bill alters the manner in which the Calvert County Commissioners are elected beginning with the November 2014 general election. The bill requires that the commissioners elected to the first, second, and third election districts also be residents of that election district. The bill specifies that two commissioners must be county residents and represent the county at large. Each candidate for the office of county commissioner must specify at the time of filing a certificate of candidacy whether the candidate is seeking to represent the district in which the candidate resides or to represent the county at large.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill does not materially affect Calvert County operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Beginning with the November 1978 general election, five county commissioners in Calvert County are elected by countywide vote. One must be a resident of the first election district, one a resident of the second election district, and one a resident of the third election district. Of the remaining candidates, the two receiving the highest number of votes are selected.

Calvert County Commissioners who are elected take office the third Tuesday of December following the election. Each commissioner serves a four-year term.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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