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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 960 (Senator Ferguson)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Matters

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Environment - Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee - Composition

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This bill updates a reference to a Maryland legislative district for purposes of ensuring that the membership of the Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee continues to include a representative from areas surrounding the Port of Baltimore.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect local operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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Analysis

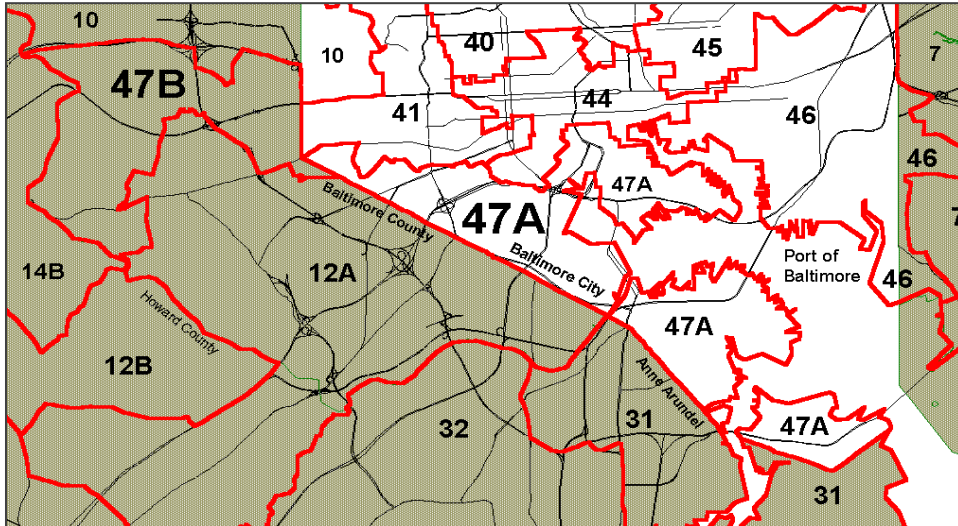
**Bill Summary:** The bill changes the membership of the (currently inactive) Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee to include one representative from Legislative District 46, rather than Legislative District 47A. As shown in **Exhibit 1**, areas in Baltimore City that were within Legislative District 47A prior to the 2002 legislative redistricting process are now within Legislative District 46.

**Current Law/Background:** The Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee was established by Chapter 83 of 2001 to, among other things, monitor the redeposit of Anne Arundel County tributary spoil and other spoil in the Cox Creek Area. The Governor is required to appoint the committee members.

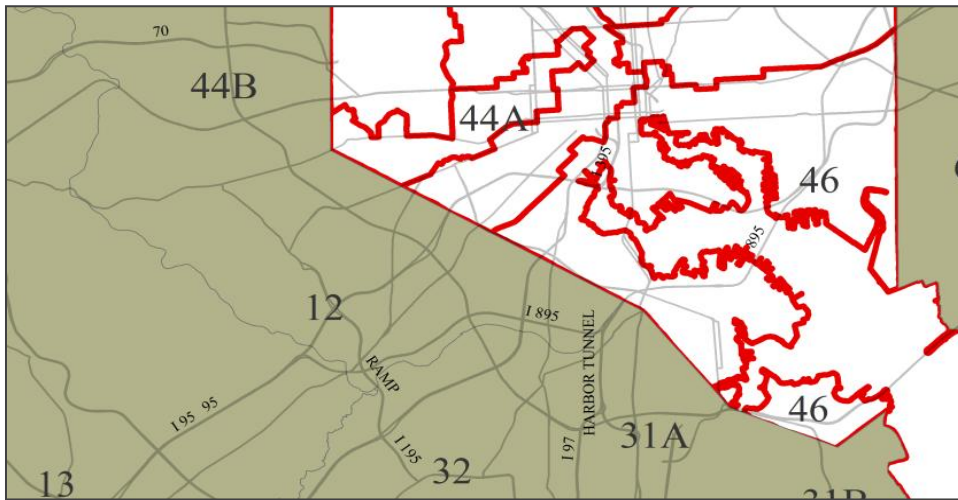
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**Exhibit 1**  
**Legislative District Changes**  
**1992 and 2012**

**District 47A of 1992**



**District 46 of 2012**



Source: Maryland Department of Planning; Department of Legislative Services

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According to the committee's website, it oversees the implementation of the Cox Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility in Anne Arundel County and provides advice to the Maryland Port Administration regarding the operation of the facility and the potential impacts it may have on the nearby communities as well as the natural resources in the area. However, the committee is currently inactive until further notice and has not met since August 2010.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 1283 (Delegate Hammen, *et al.*) - Environmental Matters.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Department of Planning, Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee, Department of Legislative Services

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