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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 645 (Senator Ferguson)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**State Government - State Boards and Commissions - Appointments of Members
of Nonprincipal Political Parties**

This bill authorizes a member of a State board or commission appointed by the Governor to be a member of a nonprincipal political party. “Nonprincipal political party” means a party other than the State Democratic Party or the State Republican Party.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and does not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Appointments Office in the Office of the Governor recommends to the Governor the appointment or nomination of individuals to serve as members of State boards, commissions, committees, task forces, or other entities that by law require the membership to be appointed in whole or in part by the Governor. Various requirements and qualifications for membership to each of the boards and commissions are specified in statute. There is no general requirement or limitation for nonprincipal party members on boards or commissions.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1071 (Delegate Ivey, *et al.*) - Health and Government Operations.

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