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Senate Bill 292
Finance

(Senator Edwards)

Environment and Transportation

Tri-County Council for Western Maryland - Membership

This bill alters the appointment process for the two mayors appointed from each county to the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland. Specifically, the bill requires the mayors (or their representatives) to be appointed by the commissioners from their respective member county, rather than the respective chapter of the Maryland Municipal League (MML).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The Tri-County Council for Western Maryland is a 26-member regional economic development organization representing Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties. The council is governed by a board of directors, which includes representatives from both the public and private sectors. Local MML chapters appoint two mayors (or their representatives) from each county to the council.

There are other analogous councils across the State; local elected officials are generally appointed by their respective governing bodies. MML generally does not appoint members to these types of councils – elected officials or otherwise.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Garrett and Washington counties; Maryland Municipal League;
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