

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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2020 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 807 (Montgomery County Delegation)  
Environment and Transportation

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**Montgomery County - Housing Opportunities Commission - Selection of Chair**  
**MC 1-20**

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This bill requires the Montgomery County Executive to select the chair of the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County from among the commissioners.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

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

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Montgomery County, the Housing Opportunities Commission consists of seven commissioners nominated by the county executive and approved by the county council. The county council must conduct a public interview with each nominee of the Housing Opportunities Commission before the council may vote on the nominee's appointment. The term of a commissioner is five years. The county executive may only remove a commissioner with the approval of the county council.

**Background:** The Housing Opportunities Commission is the public housing agency for Montgomery County. Established in 1974, the commission administers federal, State, county, and private affordable housing programs. In addition, it develops housing, provides mortgage financing to developers and first-time homebuyers, manages public housing and

other rental units, administers rental subsidy programs (including the Housing Choice Voucher Program), and provides counseling and support services to lower income individuals and families in assisted housing.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Montgomery County; Department of Housing and Community Development; Department of Legislative Services

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