

# HOUSE BILL 716

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Patuxent River Commission – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~adding the Patuxent Riverkeeper as a voting member~~ altering the  
4 membership of the Patuxent River Commission; and generally relating to the  
5 Patuxent River Commission.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
8 Section 5–812  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2021 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
13 Section 5–814  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2021 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



**Article – State Finance and Procurement**

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2 5–812.

3 There is a Patuxent River Commission in the Department.

4 5–814.

5 (a) The Commission consists of the following [34] **35** voting members [appointed  
6 by the Governor]:

7 (1) 7 individuals, 1 from each of the following 7 counties, **APPOINTED BY**  
8 **THE GOVERNOR** on the recommendation of the governing body of that county:

9 (i) Anne Arundel County;

10 (ii) Calvert County;

11 (iii) Charles County;

12 (iv) Howard County;

13 (v) Montgomery County;

14 (vi) Prince George’s County; and

15 (vii) St. Mary’s County;

16 (2) 1 individual representing the Washington Suburban Sanitary  
17 Commission, **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR**;

18 (3) 1 individual from each of the following regional planning agencies,  
19 **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR**:

20 (i) the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission,  
21 Montgomery County;

22 (ii) the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission,  
23 Prince George’s County; and

24 (iii) the Tri–County Council for Southern Maryland;

25 (4) 1 individual, representing a municipality in the watershed,  
26 **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR** on the recommendation of the corresponding governing  
27 body of that municipality;

1 (5) 1 individual representing a large federal facility in the watershed,  
2 **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;**

3 (6) as far as possible, the following individuals appointed by the Governor  
4 with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall be selected to represent broad geographic,  
5 economic, and social interests within the watershed:

6 (i) 2 individuals representing farming interests;

7 (ii) 1 individual representing business interests;

8 (iii) 4 individuals representing environmental and citizen interests;

9 (iv) 2 individuals representing developer interests;

10 (v) ~~2 individuals~~ **1 INDIVIDUAL** representing academic interests;

11 (vi) 2 individuals, 1 each, representing 2 soil conservation districts;

12 (vii) 1 individual representing the University of Maryland  
13 Cooperative Extension Service; and

14 (viii) 1 individual representing watermen interests; [and]

15 (7) **THE PATUXENT RIVERKEEPER; AND**

16 (8) as ex officio members:

17 (i) the Secretary of Agriculture or a designee;

18 (ii) the Secretary of the Environment or a designee;

19 (iii) the Secretary of Natural Resources or a designee;

20 (iv) the Secretary of Planning or a designee;

21 (v) the Secretary of Transportation or a designee; ~~and~~

22 (vi) the Chief of the Planning Division, U.S. Army Corps of  
23 Engineers, Baltimore District or a designee; **AND**

24 **(VII) THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**  
25 **CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OR A DESIGNEE.**

26 (b) (1) The term of a member appointed under subsection (a)(1) through (6) of  
27 this section is 4 years.

1 (2) At the end of a term, a member appointed under subsection (a)(1)  
2 through (6) of this section continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

3 (3) A member who is appointed under subsection (a)(1) through (6) of this  
4 section after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is  
5 appointed and qualifies.

6 (4) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms  
7 provided for members of the Commission on October 1, 1995.

8 (c) (1) The Commission may establish and abolish nonvoting memberships.

9 (2) A nonvoting member shall be appointed by the Commission for a term  
10 set by the Commission.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Patuxent Riverkeeper  
12 shall become a full voting member of the Patuxent River Commission on June 1, 2022.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
14 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.