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**By: Senator Hafer**

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Assigned to: Select Committee No. 1

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Garrett County Memorial Hospital - Board of Governors**

3 FOR the purpose of eliminating from the Board of Governors of the Garrett County  
4 Memorial Hospital the position of President of the Hospital.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 The Public Local Laws of Garrett County  
7 Section 71-3 A. and B.  
8 Article 12 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
9 (1985 Edition and September 1995 Supplement, as amended)

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

12 **Article 12 - Garrett County**

13 71-3.

14 A. For the purpose of operating the Garrett County Memorial Hospital, there is  
15 a Board of Governors, which shall consist of [16] 15 members as follows:

16 (1) The three County Commissioners of Garrett County or their designees.  
17 If a County Commissioner appoints a designee to the Board of Governors, the designee is  
18 not subject to approval by the remaining Board members, but is subject to removal under  
19 Subsection E of this section.

20 (2) Three persons residing in Garrett County, one to be appointed by each  
21 of the County Commissioners. Each appointment under this paragraph is subject to  
22 approval by majority vote of the Board of Governors at a meeting consisting of a quorum.

23 (3) The President of the Town Council of the Town of Oakland or the  
24 President's designee. If the President appoints a designee to the Board of Governors, the  
25 designee is not subject to approval by the remaining Board members, but is subject to  
26 removal under Subsection E of this section.

27 (4) One person who is on the medical staff of the Garrett County Memorial  
28 Hospital and who is elected by the medical staff. The selection under this paragraph is  
29 subject to approval by majority vote of the Board of Governors at a meeting consisting of  
30 a quorum.

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1 (5) [The President of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital.

2 (6)] Seven at-large members who are selected for their talents,abilities and  
3 interest in the affairs of the hospital in accordance with the bylaws of the Board of  
4 Governors. The selection of an at-large member requires a majority of the qualified votes  
5 of the Board of Governors at a meeting consisting of a quorum. An at-large member may  
6 not vote for oneself, for a person who would replace the at-large member or for a person  
7 who would replace another at-large member whose term expires at the same time as the  
8 at-large member. The election of an at-large member requires at least five affirmative  
9 votes.

10 B. The terms of members of the Board of Governors shall be as follows:

11 (1) The terms of the County Commissioners[,] AND THE TERM of the  
12 President of the Town Council of Oakland [and of the President of the Garrett County  
13 Memorial Hospital], as ex officio members, shall be coextensive with their respective  
14 terms of office.

15 (2) The term of a designee of a County Commissioner or of the President of  
16 the Town Council and the terms of members appointed by the County Commissioners is  
17 two years or until the current term of the elected official or officials who selected the  
18 member ends, whichever occurs first.

19 (3) The term of the medical staff member is two years.

20 (4) The term of an at-large member is two years. The terms of at-large  
21 members shall be staggered so that three at-large members are elected one year and four  
22 at-large members are elected the following year.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 1996.