

SENATE BILL 511

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By: **Senators Fry and Baker**

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Assigned to: Select Committee No. 10

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Commission for Women**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Cecil County Commission for Women; providing
4 for the membership and terms of the Commission's members; establishing the
5 powers and duties of the Commission; and generally relating to the Cecil County
6 Commission for Women.

7 BY adding to

8 The Public Local Laws of Cecil County

9 Section 84-1 through 84-5 to be under the new chapter "Chapter 84. Women,
10 Commission for"

11 Article 8 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

12 (1989 Edition and June 1997 Supplement, as amended)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article 8 - Cecil County**

16 CHAPTER 84. WOMEN, COMMISSION FOR

17 84-1.

18 A. THERE IS A CECIL COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN.

19 B. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF ISSUES
20 AFFECTING WOMEN AND FAMILIES AND TO ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES
21 IN ORDER TO ASSIST THEM IN ATTAINING THE BEST QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
22 THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

23 84-2.

24 A. (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF 12 MEMBERS.

25 (2) THE MEMBERS SHALL REPRESENT A CROSS SECTION OF THE
26 COUNTY AND SHALL BE SELECTED BECAUSE OF THEIR KNOWN EXPERIENCE AND

1 ACTIVE INTEREST IN WOMEN AND FAMILY ISSUES AND THE PURPOSES OF THE
2 COMMISSION.

3 B. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPOINT THE INITIAL
4 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FROM A LIST SUPPLIED BY THE TASK FORCE FOR
5 THE STUDY AND FORMATION OF A CECIL COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN.
6 THEREAFTER, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS
7 FROM RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES IN THE
8 COUNTY DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE CITIZENS OF
9 CECIL COUNTY.

10 84-3.

11 A. (1) FOR THE INITIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST COMMISSION,
12 ONE-THIRD OF THE MEMBERS SHALL SERVE FOR 1 YEAR, ONE-THIRD FOR 2 YEARS,
13 AND ONE-THIRD FOR 3 YEARS. THEREAFTER, THE TERMS OF ALL MEMBERS SHALL
14 BE 3 YEARS.

15 (2) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION
16 CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

17 (3) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM
18 HAS BEGUN SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS
19 APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

20 B. A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

21 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

22 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES, AS PROVIDED IN
23 THE COMMISSION'S BUDGET.

24 C. THE COMMISSION SHALL SELECT FROM ITS OWN MEMBERSHIP A
25 CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON, AND SECRETARY-TREASURER, EACH TO SERVE
26 AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION.

27 84-4.

28 A. THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AS FREQUENTLY AS REQUIRED TO
29 PERFORM ITS DUTIES, BUT NO LESS THAN 2 TIMES EACH YEAR.

30 B. THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY
31 TO GOVERN ITS PROCEDURE AND BUSINESS.

32 84-5.

33 THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY
34 COMMISSIONERS SUMMARIZING ITS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
36 October 1, 1998.

