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By: **Senators Baker and Hooper**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Board of County Commissioners - Staggered Terms of Office**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the at-large election of a certain number of County
4 Commissioners for Cecil County at a certain time; providing that a certain
5 candidate who is a resident of a certain Commissioner District and who receives
6 a certain amount of votes in a certain election shall be elected; providing for the
7 terms of office of certain County Commissioners; making this Act contingent on
8 the passage and ratification of a certain Constitutional Amendment; providing
9 for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the election of the
10 Board of County Commissioners for Cecil County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 The Public Local Laws of Cecil County
13 Section 15-1
14 Article 8 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
15 (1989 Edition and January 1999 Supplement, as amended)
16 (As enacted by Chapter 33 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 The Public Local Laws of Cecil County
19 Section 15-2
20 Article 8 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
21 (1989 Edition and January 1999 Supplement, as amended)
22 (As enacted by Chapter 33 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998)

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

3 **Article 8 - Cecil County**

4 15-1.

5 There shall be five (5) County Commissioners for Cecil County.

6 15-2.

7 The Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County shall be elected by the
8 voters of the county at large and hold office in accordance with the following
9 provisions:

10 A. (1) The county shall be divided into five (5) Commissioner Districts.

11 (2) Following the decennial census of the United States in 2000, there
12 shall be established a Commissioner District Committee to issue recommendations on
13 the boundaries of five Commissioner Districts to the General Assembly.

14 (3) The Commissioner District Committee shall consist of seven (7)
15 members, with three (3) members appointed by the County Democratic Central
16 Committee, three (3) members appointed by the County Republican Central
17 Committee, and one (1) member who shall be appointed by the County Board of
18 Supervisors of Elections.

19 (4) The members of the Commissioner District Committee shall elect one
20 of the members as Chairman of the Commissioner District Committee.

21 (5) By December 31, 2001, the Commissioner District Committee shall
22 issue recommendations to the General Assembly on the boundaries of five
23 Commissioner Districts that are of substantially equal population based on the 2000
24 census data.

25 B. One (1) Commissioner shall be elected from each Commissioner District.

26 C. A person may not be eligible as a candidate for County Commissioner
27 unless he is a resident of the Commissioner District at the time of nomination and
28 election.

29 D. (1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS (2) THROUGH (5) OF
30 THIS SUBSECTION, FIVE (5) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ELECTED AT-LARGE
31 IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER, 2002.

32 (2) IN AN AT-LARGE ELECTION FOR A SPECIFIC COUNTY
33 COMMISSIONER POSITION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE CANDIDATE WHO IS A
34 RESIDENT OF THAT COMMISSIONER DISTRICT AND WHO RECEIVES THE HIGHEST
35 NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE AT-LARGE ELECTION SHALL BE ELECTED.

1 (3) TWO (2) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ELECTED AT-LARGE IN THE
2 GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2002, AND WHO RESIDE IN
3 COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS 1 AND 2, SHALL EACH HOLD OFFICE FOR A TERM OF TWO
4 YEARS.

5 (4) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER POSITIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF
6 THIS SECTION SHALL BE ELECTED AT-LARGE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE
7 HELD IN NOVEMBER 2004 SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF
8 THIS SUBSECTION, AND SHALL EACH HOLD OFFICE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS AND
9 SHALL BE ELECTED EVERY SUCCESSIVE FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER.

10 (5) THREE (3) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ELECTED AT-LARGE IN THE
11 GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2002, AND WHO RESIDE IN
12 COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS 3, 4, AND 5, SHALL EACH HOLD OFFICE FOR A TERM OF
13 FOUR YEARS AND SHALL BE ELECTED EVERY SUCCESSIVE FOUR YEARS
14 THEREAFTER.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is contingent on
16 the passage of Chapter _____(S.B. 510) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, a
17 Constitutional Amendment, and its ratification by the voters of the State.

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
19 of Section 2 above, this Act shall take effect on the date of certification of the election
20 results on the question of ratification of the Constitutional Amendment by the voters
21 of the State.