

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 718 (Senators Baker and Hooper)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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

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This bill establishes staggered terms of office for the County Commissioners of Cecil County. The bill requires an at-large election of the five county commissioners in the general election in 2002. The candidate who receives the most votes in the commissioner district in which the candidate resides shall be elected. The winning candidates in districts one and two will hold office for a term of two years. The next at-large election for county commissioner in districts one and two will be at the general election in 2004. Thereafter, the term of office for a county commissioner in districts one and two will be four years. The at-large elections for county commissioners in districts three, four, and five will take place in 2006 and every four years thereafter.

This bill is contingent on the passage of Senate Bill 510, a constitutional amendment, and its ratification by the voters of the State.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Staggering the elections as set forth in the bill would not affect county expenditures. No effect on revenues.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Background:** The number of commissioners will increase in 2002 from three to five as a result of a referendum which was approved by the voters of Cecil County at the 1998 general election.

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