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Senate Bill 83 (Senator Baker)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

County Commissioners - Removal of Appointed Officers and Employees

This bill expands the express authority of certain county commissioners to remove county officers and employees who are appointed or elected under public general or public local laws. Officers and employees may only be removed for cause.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill has operational implications for some counties but no fiscal impact.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: County commissioners cannot remove county officers and employees whose appointment or election is provided for by the constitution or by public general or public local laws.

Background: Counties operating under code and commission forms of local government are run by groups of either three or five county commissioners. Commissioners are authorized to hire or appoint certain officers but are, in certain instances, not authorized to remove them. Counties operating under the code form of county government are Allegany, Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Worcester. Counties operating under the commissioner form of government include Calvert, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, St.

Mary's, Somerset, and Washington. Worcester County is excluded from the bill's provisions by Article 25 Section 3(a)(2). The eight charter counties and Baltimore City do not have county commissioners and are not subject to the bill's provisions.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Cecil County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Somerset County, Department of Legislative Services

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