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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1091

(Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery
County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

**Prince George's County - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
Commission - Removal of Commissioners
PG/MC 125-02**

This bill authorizes the County Executive of Prince George's County to remove at will any member of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) appointed from Prince George's County.

The bill also repeals: (1) a requirement subjecting the removal of a commission member from Prince George's County to the approval of a majority vote of the full County Council of Prince George's County; (2) notice and hearing requirements associated with the removal of a commission member from Prince George's County; and (3) the requirement that a person appointed to fill a vacancy on the commission from Prince George's County must be of the same political party as the member who vacated the commission.

Provisions relating to removal of commission members from Montgomery County are unaltered.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues and expenditures would not be directly affected by the proposed bill's provisions.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The County Executive of Prince George's County may remove any member of M-NCPPC representing Prince George's County prior to the expiration of the term for which the member was appointed subject to the approval of a majority vote of the full County Council of Prince George's County. The County Council of Montgomery County may remove any member of the commission appointed from Montgomery County, with regard to a member from either county. The cause of removal must be stated in writing and a public hearing must be held on the removal. Additionally, a person appointed to fill a vacancy on the commission must be of the same political party as the member who vacated the office. In Prince George's County, a commission member whose removal is sought may waive in writing the public hearing requirement.

Background: M-NCPPC was created in 1927 to acquire, develop, maintain, and administer a regional system of parks in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. M-NCPPC has ten members with five members from each county, each with four-year terms.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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