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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1424

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

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St. Mary's County - Housing Authority - Commissioners

This bill increases the number of commissioners who serve on the St. Mary's County Housing Authority from five to seven and states that the five current commissioners serving on July 1, 2002 must continue to serve until their respective terms expire and their successors have been appointed and qualified. The bill requires the county commissioners to appoint one additional commissioner to serve for a term of one year and one to serve for two years. Thereafter, their successors must be appointed for five-year terms each. Vacancies must be filled for the unexpired term.

The bill states it does not affect the terms of appointed commissioners, who will remain in office for the balance of their terms, and that nothing in the bill should be construed as precluding the St. Mary's County Commissioners from renaming the Housing Authority.

The bill is effective July 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State activities or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: State law authorizes the creation of a housing authority in each jurisdiction and requires articles of organization for each authority. The articles must include the name of the authority, which can be any name as designated but must include the name of the local jurisdiction, and also state the length of the commissioner's terms (three or five years), the number of commissions (limited to five, seven, or nine), and any limits on the authority's powers. It prohibits any authority commissioner from being an employee or an elected official of the local government for which the authority is created. A local government may not amend the articles of organization to change the number of commissioners or their term of service as provided for in the initial articles.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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