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House Bill 1385

(Cecil County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Cecil County - Board of County Commissioners

This bill establishes new commissioner district boundaries in Cecil County, alters the term of the commissioner elected from district 2 in the November 2002 election from a two-year term to a four-year term, and alters the term of the commissioner elected from district 5 in the November 2002 election from a four-year term to a two-year term.

The bill is effective June 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Establishing new commissioner district boundaries and altering the districts from which commissioners are elected to two-year and four-year terms in the November 2002 election would not directly impact Cecil County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There are three county commissioners' districts in Cecil County. One commissioner is elected from each district.

Chapter 33 of 1998 increased the membership of the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County from three to five members effective with the November 2002 general election, pending the approval of the qualified voters of the county in the November 1998

general election. The measure was approved by a 53% to 47% margin. The five county commissioners must be elected at-large in the November 2002 election. The three county commissioners who reside in commissioner districts 3, 4, and 5 are elected to four-year terms in the November 2002 general election and every four years thereafter. The two county commissioners who reside in commissioner districts 1 and 2 are elected to two-year terms in the November 2002 general election and the November 2004 general election and every four years thereafter.

Cecil County is one of ten counties that operate under the county commission form of government. Commission counties have only those powers that are expressly delegated by the General Assembly. Changing the boundaries of commissioner districts must receive approval of the General Assembly.

Background: The current boundaries of the three commissioner districts in Cecil County were created by Chapter 33, Acts of 1982.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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