
By: **Garrett County Delegation, Allegany County Delegation, and
Washington County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2003

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tri-County Council for Western Maryland - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the qualifications of and terms of office for the voting
4 members of the General Assembly on the Tri-County Council for Western
5 Maryland; and generally relating to the membership of the Tri-County Council
6 for Western Maryland.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 20A - Tri-County Council for Western Maryland
9 Section 2-101
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article 20A - Tri-County Council for Western Maryland**

15 2-101.

16 (a) The Council shall adopt bylaws governing the procedures and policies of
17 the membership.

18 (b) The Council shall consist of 27 members, 23 of which shall be voting
19 members and 4 of which shall be nonvoting members.

20 (c) The voting membership of the Council shall consist of the following 23
21 members:

22 (1) From Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties:

23 (i) 9 representatives of the county governments, 3 from each
24 county, appointed by their respective county commissioners; and

1 (ii) 3 municipal elected officials, 1 from each county, appointed by
2 their respective municipal governments;

3 (2) [5 members of the General Assembly, each of whom resides in
4 Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County, their terms as voting
5 members to be provided for at the discretion of all of the members of the General
6 Assembly who reside in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County]
7 FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND, THE CHAIRMAN,
8 OR THE CHAIRMAN'S DESIGNEE, OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY DELEGATION, THE
9 GARRETT COUNTY DELEGATION, AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DELEGATION,
10 EACH OF WHOM SHALL RESIDE, RESPECTIVELY, IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, GARRETT
11 COUNTY, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY;

12 (3) THE 2 MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND REPRESENTING THE
13 REGION; and

14 [(3)] (4) 6 private citizens, 2 each from Allegany County, Garrett County,
15 and Washington County, respectively, that are:

16 (i) Appointed by their respective county governments;

17 (ii) Not listed under paragraphs (1) [and (2)], (2), AND (3) of this
18 subsection; and

19 (iii) Not elected officials of a general purpose unit of local
20 government nor employees of a unit of local government who have been appointed to
21 represent that government.

22 (d) The nonvoting members of the Council are the members of the General
23 Assembly who reside in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County and
24 who are not voting members of the Council[, their terms as nonvoting members to be
25 provided for at the discretion of all of the members of the General Assembly who
26 reside in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County].

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2003.