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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 50

(Delegate Elmore)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Somerset County - Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners**

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This bill increases from two to four years the term of office of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Somerset County and sets the term of office to run concurrent with the term of office of the county commissioners beginning in December 2006. The bill also consolidates and clarifies the provisions in the Code of Public Local Laws of Somerset County relating to the duties and term of office of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Somerset County.

The bill is effective June 1, 2003.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Somerset County finances would not be affected by increasing the term of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Commissioners of Somerset County may appoint a clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Somerset County for a two-year term beginning on the first day of July following the clerk's appointment and qualification.

**Background:** Somerset County is one of eight counties that has a commission form of government. Commission counties have only those powers that are expressly delegated by the General Assembly. Changing, consolidating, and clarifying the Code of Public Local Laws must receive approval of the General Assembly. The next term of office for the Commissioners of Somerset County begins in December 2006.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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