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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 23
Ways and Means

(Delegate Elmore, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs

Somerset County - Board of Education - Terms

This bill staggers the terms of Somerset County Board of Education members. Three members elected in 2004 will serve two-year terms, and the other two members elected in 2004 will serve full four-year terms. After 2004, all elections will be to four-year terms.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The Somerset County Board of Elections could make the necessary ballot changes with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: All five members of the Somerset County Board of Education are elected at the same time, with the next set of board elections scheduled for 2004. Members serve four-year terms.

Background: The Somerset County Board of Education is one of 12 elected school boards in the State. Another 11 local boards of education are appointed, and one, the Worcester County board, is in the process of transitioning from an appointed board to an elected board. Of the 12 fully elected boards, all except the Charles County and Somerset County boards stagger the terms of members.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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