

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2004 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 513 (Delegates Bozman and Conway)  
Environmental Matters

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**Land Use – Planning Commissions – Removal of Commissioner**

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This bill authorizes a local legislative body to remove a member of a local planning commission for cause. The local legislative body must first hold a public hearing to determine whether there is cause to remove a planning commissioner. These provisions do not apply to charter counties or to Baltimore City.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not materially affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** The bill would not significantly affect local operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Under Article 66B, the State's zoning and planning law, a local jurisdiction may enact, adopt, amend, and execute a plan and create by ordinance a planning commission. After a public hearing, a local legislative body may remove a member of a planning commission for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. A local legislative body that removes a member must file a written statement of reasons for the removal. These provisions do not apply to charter counties or to Baltimore City.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Allegany County, Wicomico County, Worcester County, Montgomery County, Baltimore City, Department of Legislative Services

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