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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1187

(Washington County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Washington County - Salary Study Commission - Composition

This bill alters the composition of the Washington County Salary Study Commission. Two existing commission members representing the Washington County Taxpayers Association and the Executive Committee of the Washington County Council of PTAs would be replaced. The two new members represent the Cumberland Valley Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. and the Joint Veterans Council of Washington County. The Executive Committee of the Washington County Council of PTAs would select one member to the commission instead of two.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Changing the composition of the Washington County Salary Study Commission would not directly impact Washington County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Currently, the composition of the nine-member commission is comprised of one member from the following organizations:

- Democratic Party Central Committee of Washington County
- Republican Party Central Committee of Washington County
- Washington County Chamber of Commerce

- Washington County Farm Bureau
- League of Women Voters of Washington County
- Western Maryland Central Labor Council
- Washington County Taxpayers Association.

In addition, two at large members are selected by the Executive Committee of the Washington County Council of PTAs. The president of the council may be one of these members.

The county commissioners must appoint the commission members recommended by each organization. The commission members do not receive compensation, and the members select their own chairperson. Furthermore, the commission is required to hold at least one public hearing every four years, and must publish notice of each hearing in a general circulation newspaper.

Background: The Washington County Salary Study Commission was created by Chapter 85 of 1994. The commission is required to study the salaries of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners, Board of Education, Orphans' Court judges, Sheriff, State's Attorney, Treasurer, Board of Supervisors of Elections, and Board of Liquor License Commissioners. Within certain time constraints, the commission is required to make recommendations regarding the salaries of these officials to the board of county commissioners for their consideration. The county commissioners may accept, reduce, or reject the recommendation of the commission, but may not increase it. Within certain time constraints, the board of county commissioners must submit recommendations concerning the salaries of the officials to the county's legislative delegation.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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