
By: **Senator Hafer**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Government - Tri-County Council for Western Maryland -**
3 **Membership**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Tri-County Council for Western
5 Maryland; altering the method by which certain members are selected for
6 membership to the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland; providing for
7 certain limitations on the terms of certain members; and generally relating to
8 the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 20A - Tri-County Council for Western Maryland
11 Section 2-101 and 2-102
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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15 Article 20A - Tri-County Council for Western Maryland
16 Section 2-103 and 2-104
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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

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

22 2-101.

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

25 (b) The Council shall consist of [27] THE FOLLOWING 23 members[, 23 of
26 which shall be voting members and 4 of which shall be nonvoting members.

1 (c) The voting membership of the Council shall consist of the following 23
2 members]:

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

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

6 (ii) 3 municipal elected officials, 1 from each county, appointed by
7 their respective [municipal governments] BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;

8 (2) From the members of the House of Delegates of Maryland, the
9 chairman, or the chairman's designee, of the Allegany County Delegation, the Garrett
10 County Delegation, and the Washington County Delegation, each of whom shall
11 reside, respectively, in Allegany County, Garrett County, and Washington County;

12 (3) The 2 members of the Senate of Maryland representing the region
13 and residing in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County; and

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

16 (i) Appointed by their respective BOARDS OF county
17 [governments] COMMISSIONERS;

18 (ii) Not listed under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection;
19 and

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

23 (d) The nonvoting members of the Council are the members of the General
24 Assembly who reside in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County and
25 who are not voting members of the Council].

26 2-102.

27 The members who hold membership by virtue of their elected or appointed
28 position hold office only during their term of office. The members-at-large serve at
29 the pleasure of [elected membership of each county] THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF
30 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THEIR TERM OF OFFICE AS A MEMBER SHALL
31 COINCIDE WITH THE TERM OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT
32 APPOINTED THEM.

33 2-103.

34 Vacancies on the Council shall be filled for the duration of the unexpired term in
35 the same manner as provided for the original appointment.

1 2-104.

2 Members of the Council serve without compensation.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2006.