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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:

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

2 2-101.

3 (a) The Council shall adopt bylaws governing the procedures and policies of
4 the membership.5 (b) The Council shall consist of [27] THE FOLLOWING 23 members[, 23 of
6 which shall be voting members and 4 of which shall be nonvoting members.7 (c) The voting membership of the Council shall consist of the following 23
8 members]:

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

10 (i) 9 representatives of the county governments, 3 from each
11 county, appointed by their respective county commissioners; and12 (ii) 3 municipal elected officials, 1 from each county, appointed by
13 their respective [municipal governments] BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;14 (2) From the members of the House of Delegates of Maryland, the
15 chairman, or the chairman's designee, of the Allegany County Delegation, the Garrett
16 County Delegation, and the Washington County Delegation, each of whom shall
17 reside, respectively, in Allegany County, Garrett County, and Washington County;18 (3) The 2 members of the Senate of Maryland representing the region
19 and residing in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County; and20 (4) 6 private citizens, 2 each from Allegany County, Garrett County, and
21 Washington County, respectively, that are:22 (i) Appointed by their respective BOARDS OF county
23 [governments] COMMISSIONERS;24 (ii) Not listed under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection;
25 and26 (iii) Not elected officials [of a general purpose unit of local
27 government] nor employees of a unit of local government [who have been appointed
28 to represent that government.29 (d) The nonvoting members of the Council are the members of the General
30 Assembly who reside in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County and
31 who are not voting members of the Council].

32 2-102.

33 The members who hold membership by virtue of their elected or appointed
34 position hold office only during their term of office. The members-at-large serve at
35 the pleasure of [elected membership of each county] THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF

1 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THEIR TERM OF OFFICE AS A MEMBER SHALL
2 COINCIDE WITH THE TERM OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT
3 APPOINTED THEM.

4 2-103.

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

7 2-104.

8 Members of the Council serve without compensation.

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