

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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2006 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 420

(Garrett County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Garrett County - County Commissioners - Session Meetings and Duties**

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This bill clarifies that the Garrett County Commissioners must meet, in public session, at least once each week. Additionally, the commissioners must provide reasonable notice of (1) the dates and times of all public sessions, including any schedule changes or cancellations; and (2) administrative sessions. Each commissioner is required to make every effort to attend the scheduled meetings of any commission, board, or committee to which the commissioner is appointed. The bill repeals the requirement that the commissioners must spend one day in the office performing administrative functions and one other day performing other necessary duties.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Clarifying the duties of the Garrett County Commissioners and commissioner session notification requirements would not materially impact county finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Garrett County Commissioners must meet in regular session one day each week and remain in session as long as necessary. The commissioners are required to give reasonable advance notice of county commissioner sessions. The county commissioners are required to spend one day each week in the commission offices to

carry out administrative functions, and one additional day each week devoted to carrying out the duties of the office.

**Background:** Garrett County has three county commissioners; each elected to serve a four-year term.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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