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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 1038 (Senator Colburn)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore - Wicomico County -
Membership**

This bill alters the voting representation of the Wicomico County government on the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore from five county council members to four county council members plus the county executive, beginning with the next following term of office for these elected officials.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill's provisions would not affect Wicomico County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The voting representation of the Wicomico County government on the Tri-County Council is comprised of five county council members. An individual holding membership on the council by virtue of his/her elected position may hold office on the council only for the member's term of office.

Background: The Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore is a regional planning and development agency for an area comprised of Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

Wicomico County operates under the charter home rule form of government and is governed by a seven-member county council. Currently, the county council appoints the county executive. However, at the November 2006 general election, the voters of Wicomico County will elect a county executive who will take office December 5, 2006.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1675 (Delegate Cane, *et al.*) – Environmental Matters.

Information Source(s): Wicomico County, Somerset County, Worcester County, Department of Legislative Services

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