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House Bill 61

(Delegate Eckardt, *et al.*)

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Mid-Shore Regional Council - Membership

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This bill codifies certain bylaws of the Mid-Shore Regional Council (MSRC) by (1) decreasing the number of county council members or county commissioners that serve on the regional council from nine to six (two from each county); and (2) authorizing the regional council to provide for additional public membership.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill codifies current practice.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** MSRC is comprised of members from Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot counties. Among the statutorily required members are nine county commissioners (three from each county), who are appointed by their respective jurisdictions. Statute authorizes the council's bylaws to provide for additional private citizen membership, but does not authorize additional public membership.

**Background:** MSRC operates as a cooperative planning and development agency within Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot counties. The regional council's aim is to foster the physical, economic, and social development of the region, and to initiate and coordinate plans and projects for the development of human and economic resources. The regional

council's membership is comprised of, among other things, six county council members or county commissioners (two appointed by each county). The bylaws provide for additional private citizens or public members as authorized by the council's executive board. MSRC advises that its membership is currently that which is set forth in its bylaws.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 440 (Senator Colburn, *et al.*) – Judicial Proceedings.

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