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House Bill 233

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

St. Mary's County - Metropolitan Commission - Terms of Voting Members

This bill increases the terms of office for the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission (MetCom) voting members from three to five years. Each voting member serving on June 30, 2007 will continue to serve for five years from the date his/her term began.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Altering the terms of office would not impact MetCom finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: MetCom is comprised of seven voting members and one nonvoting member. Each voting member is appointed by the St. Mary's County Commissioners and represents certain election districts where they must reside. Voting members can serve two three-year terms. The nonvoting member of MetCom is the Commanding Officer (or representative) of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

Background: MetCom was created by the General Assembly in 1957 to supply water and sewer service to residents in St. Mary's County. As of May 1, 2005, it operated

27 water systems and 4 sewer treatment plants, and provided water service to 41,000 people and sewer service to 36,000 people. Its fiscal 2007 operating budget is \$8.8 million for sewer, water, and engineering expenditures.

Exhibit 1 shows the terms for the current MetCom members and how the bill changes the length of their term of office.

Exhibit 1
St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission
Commissioners' Terms of Office

Election District	Term Began	Term Ends	
		<u>Current Law</u>	<u>HB 233</u>
1	1/1/2007	12/31/2009	12/31/2011
2 & 9	8/16/2004	6/30/2007	6/30/2009
3	7/1/2006	6/30/2009	6/30/2011
4 & 5	1/1/2006	12/31/2008	12/31/2010
6	1/1/2006	12/31/2008	12/31/2010
7	1/1/2007	12/31/2009	12/31/2011
8	1/1/2006	12/31/2008	12/31/2010

Additional Information

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