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House Bill 303

(Delegate Cane, *et al.*)

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Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland - Membership

This bill alters the voting representation of the Wicomico County government on the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland (TCC) from five county council members to four county council members plus the county executive.

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 TCC 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 during the member's term of office.

Background: The TCC is a regional planning and development agency for an area comprised of Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties. It is composed of municipal and county officials, county administrators, and members of the General Assembly. The TCC functions similarly to the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland.

Wicomico County operates under the charter home rule form of government and is governed by a seven-member county council and county executive. Prior to 2006, the executive authority was vested in the county council, which appointed a county manager. However, due to an amendment to the charter approved in 2004, the voters of Wicomico County elect a county executive beginning with the November 2006 general election, who took office December 5, 2006.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 441 (Senator Colburn, *et al.*) – Judicial Proceedings.

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