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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 256

(Senator Astle)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Matters

City of Annapolis - Housing Authority - Approval of Commissioners by City Council

This bill provides that the appointment of an Annapolis Housing Authority Commissioner by the Mayor must be approved by the Annapolis City Council.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Altering the appointment process for an Annapolis Housing Authority Commissioner would not impact local finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Annapolis Housing Authority is governed by seven commissioners, all of whom are appointed by the mayor without the city council's approval. Of the seven commissioners, one must be a tenant from a housing authority property for seniors and one must be from a nonsenior property. A commissioner's term is for five years, and the terms of office for the commissioners are staggered.

Background: The Annapolis Housing Authority is an independent city agency founded in 1937 to provide affordable housing in Annapolis to families who lack the means to purchase or rent housing at market prices. The authority currently operates 10 residential communities, housing around 2,400 individuals.

The Annapolis City Council passed a resolution in September 2006 requesting the General Assembly to amend the Housing and Community Development Article to require the city council's approval for the appointment of a housing authority commissioner.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 351 (Delegate George) – Environmental Matters.

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