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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 377 (Cecil County Senators) Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Matters

Cecil County - Board of Parks and Recreation - Appointment of Members

This bill changes the appointment procedure of the Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation. Rather than each county commissioner appointing two members, the board of county commissioners would appoint all eight members.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Altering the appointment procedure would not impact county finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation consists of eight members appointed by the board of county commissioners, with each county commissioner appointing two members. The county board of education appoints one member and one county commissioner serves on the board, *ex officio*, as a nonvoting member. Board members, except for the county commissioner serving on the board *ex officio*, serve for three-year staggered terms. In addition, board members serve without compensation, except for reimbursement purposes.

Background: The Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation is authorized to determine all questions of general policy relating to parks and public recreation in the county; supervise the expenditure of funds appropriated for these purposes; and keep the county commissioners informed as to the availability of federal and State funds for parks

and recreation. It is authorized to appoint advisory committees or panels as it deems necessary.

Effective with the 2002 general election, there are five Cecil County commissioners. Prior to the 2002 general election, Cecil County had three county commissioners.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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