

# SENATE BILL 513

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By: **Senators Forehand and Muse**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission – Appointment of**  
3 **District of Columbia Member**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the agency from which the District of Columbia is  
5 required to appoint a District of Columbia member of the Washington  
6 Metropolitan Area Transit Commission; providing that an amendment to a  
7 certain provision of law does not affect any member of the Commission in office  
8 on the effective date of the amendment; making this Act subject to a certain  
9 contingency; and generally relating to the appointment of the District of  
10 Columbia member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Transportation  
13 Section 10–203 Title I Article I and Article II  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2008 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Transportation  
18 Section 10–203 Title I Article III Section 1  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2006 Replacement Volume)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Transportation**

24 10–203.

25 TITLE I

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



## 1 General Compact Provisions

## 2 Article I

3 There is created the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District, referred to  
4 as the Metropolitan District, which shall include: the District of Columbia; the cities of  
5 Alexandria and Falls Church of the State of Virginia; Arlington County and Fairfax  
6 County of the State of Virginia, the political subdivisions located within those  
7 counties, and that portion of Loudoun County, Virginia, occupied by the Washington  
8 Dulles International Airport; Montgomery County and Prince George's County of the  
9 State of Maryland, and the political subdivisions located within those counties; and all  
10 other cities now or hereafter existing in Maryland or Virginia within the geographic  
11 area bounded by the outer boundaries of the combined area of those counties, cities,  
12 and airports.

## 13 Article II

14 1. The signatories hereby create the "Washington Metropolitan Area  
15 Transit Commission", hereafter called the "Commission", which shall be an  
16 instrumentality of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the  
17 State of Maryland, and shall have the powers and duties set forth in the Compact and  
18 those additional powers and duties conferred upon it by subsequent action of the  
19 signatories.

20 2. The Commission shall have jurisdiction coextensive with the  
21 Metropolitan District for the regulation of passenger transportation within the  
22 Metropolitan District on a coordinated basis, without regard to political boundaries  
23 within the Metropolitan District, as set forth in this Compact.

## 24 Article III

25 1. (a) The Commission shall be composed of 3 members, one member  
26 appointed by the Governor of Virginia from the State Corporation Commission of the  
27 Commonwealth of Virginia, one member appointed by the Governor of Maryland from  
28 the Maryland Public Service Commission, and one member appointed by the Mayor of  
29 the District of Columbia from [the Public Service Commission of the District of  
30 Columbia] **A DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AGENCY WITH OVERSIGHT OF MATTERS**  
31 **RELATING TO THE COMMISSION.**

32 (b) A member appointed shall serve for a term coincident with the  
33 term of that member on the agency of the signatory, and a member may be removed or  
34 suspended from office as the law of the appointing signatory provides.

35 (c) Vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term in the same manner  
36 as an original appointment.

1           **(D) AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1(A) OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL**  
2 **NOT AFFECT ANY MEMBER IN OFFICE ON THE AMENDMENT'S EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not take  
4 effect until a similar Act is enacted by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District  
5 of Columbia; that the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia are  
6 requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly of Maryland by the enactment  
7 of a similar Act; that the Department of Legislative Services shall notify the  
8 appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia, and  
9 the United States Congress of the enactment of this Act; and that on the concurrence  
10 in this Act by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia and  
11 approval by the United States Congress, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall  
12 issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective and shall forward a copy of  
13 the proclamation to the Executive Director of the Maryland Department of Legislative  
14 Services.

15           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 2 of  
16 this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2009.