

# HOUSE BILL 1329

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By: **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

Introduced and read first time: February 16, 2012

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Transit Commission – Washington Metropolitan Area**  
3 **Transit Authority Board of Directors – Membership**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for the appointment of the  
5 commissioners of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission; requiring  
6 that one of the appointees from Montgomery County and one of the appointees  
7 from Prince George’s County shall serve as alternate members of the  
8 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors;  
9 requiring that commissioners appointed by the Governor serve as principal  
10 members of the Board; prohibiting the commissioners who serve as principal or  
11 alternate members of the Board from holding certain elected offices, except  
12 under certain circumstances; establishing the eligibility criteria to be met by the  
13 commissioners who serve as principal or alternate members of the Board;  
14 requiring the commissioners who serve as principal or alternate members of the  
15 Board to be regular passengers or customers of certain services of WMATA and  
16 to submit certain annual reports; requiring that certain reports cover a certain  
17 period of time; altering the length of the terms of the members of the  
18 Commission; requiring the terms of the commissioners to be staggered in a  
19 certain manner; prohibiting a commissioner from serving more than a certain  
20 number of consecutive terms; establishing a certain limit on a certain holdover  
21 period; requiring certain county executives and the Governor to submit to the  
22 Secretary of Transportation a certain annual letter; providing that all  
23 commissioners are “public officials” for purposes of the Maryland Public Ethics  
24 Law and are subject to certain restrictions and requirements; requiring certain  
25 commissioners appointed by the Governor to file certain financial disclosure  
26 statements; making a technical correction; terminating the terms of the  
27 commissioners serving at a certain date; providing, for the purposes of certain  
28 term limits, that certain terms may not be considered a full term; and generally  
29 relating to the membership of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission  
30 and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
2 The Public Local Laws of Montgomery County  
3 Section 87-1(b)  
4 Article 16 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
5 (2004 Edition and January 2012 Supplement, as amended)  
6 (As enacted by Chapter 3 of the Acts of the first Special Session of the General  
7 Assembly of 1992)
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 The Public Local Laws of Montgomery County  
10 Section 87-5(a)  
11 Article 16 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
12 (2004 Edition and January 2012 Supplement, as amended)  
13 (As enacted by Chapter 3 of the Acts of the first Special Session of the General  
14 Assembly of 1992)
- 15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 The Public Local Laws of Montgomery County  
17 Section 87-10  
18 Article 16 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
19 (2004 Edition and January 2012 Supplement, as amended)
- 20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
21 The Public Local Laws of Prince George’s County  
22 Part III, Section 1(b)  
23 Article 17 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
24 (2007 Edition and 2008/2009 Supplement, as amended)
- 25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
26 The Public Local Laws of Prince George’s County  
27 Part III, Section 5(a)  
28 Article 17 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
29 (2007 Edition and 2008/2009 Supplement, as amended)  
30 (As enacted by Chapter 3 of the Acts of the first Special Session of the General  
31 Assembly of 1992)
- 32 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
33 The Public Local Laws of Prince George’s County  
34 Part III, Section 10  
35 Article 17 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
36 (2007 Edition and 2008/2009 Supplement, as amended)
- 37 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
38 Article – State Government  
39 Section 15-820  
40 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

4 **Article 16 – Montgomery County**

5 87–1.

6 (b) The General Assembly finds that, due to the interest of the State in  
7 transportation facilities in the Washington Metropolitan Area, and due to the  
8 substantial level of State financial support for transportation facilities and operations  
9 provided to the Commission under §§ 10–205 and 10–207 of the Transportation  
10 Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and the substantial level of support through the  
11 Commission to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, it is in the  
12 State’s interest to alter the composition of the Washington Suburban Transit  
13 Commission to require that the Governor make certain appointments to the  
14 Commission and that the Governor’s appointees serve as the Commission’s principal  
15 representatives on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of  
16 Directors and that the State’s interests are appropriately represented in Commission  
17 decisions.

18 87–5.

19 (a) (1) The commission consists of 7 members.

20 (2) (I) The County Executive of Montgomery County shall appoint  
21 2 members, subject to the confirmation of the Montgomery County Council.

22 **(II) OF THESE TWO APPOINTEES, ONE SHALL BE**  
23 **DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE**  
24 **MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
25 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

26 (3) (I) The County Executive of Prince George’s County shall  
27 appoint 2 members, subject to the confirmation of the Prince George’s County Council.

28 **(II) OF THESE TWO APPOINTEES, ONE SHALL BE**  
29 **DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE**  
30 **MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
31 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

32 (4) (i) The Governor shall appoint 2 members with the advice and  
33 consent of the Senate of Maryland.

1                   **(II)** One member shall be a resident of Montgomery County and  
2 one member shall be a resident of Prince George's County.

3                   **[(ii)] (III)** The Governor's appointees shall serve as the  
4 Commission's appointees to **BE PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF** the Washington  
5 Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors.

6                   **(5) A COMMISSIONER SERVING AS A PRINCIPAL OR AN**  
7 **ALTERNATE MEMBER ON THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT**  
8 **AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

9                   **(I) MAY NOT HOLD ANY ELECTED OFFICE IN FEDERAL,**  
10 **STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AT ANY TIME DURING THE TERM**  
11 **OF APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH**  
12 **(7) OR (8) OF THIS SUBSECTION;**

13                   **(II) MAY NOT HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE WASHINGTON**  
14 **METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR PRIOR TO**  
15 **APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION;**

16                   **(III) SHALL HAVE EXPERIENCE IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE**  
17 **FOLLOWING AREAS:**

18                               1. **TRANSIT PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION**  
19 **PLANNING, OR LAND USE PLANNING;**

20                               2. **TRANSIT MANAGEMENT, TRANSPORTATION**  
21 **MANAGEMENT, OR OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT;**

22                               3. **ENGINEERING;**

23                               4. **FINANCE;**

24                               5. **PUBLIC SAFETY;**

25                               6. **HOMELAND SECURITY;**

26                               7. **HUMAN RESOURCES;**

27                               8. **LAW; OR**

28                               9. **KNOWLEDGE OF THE REGION'S TRANSPORTATION**  
29 **ISSUES DERIVED FROM WORKING ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES;**

1                   (IV) SHALL BE A REGULAR PASSENGER AND CUSTOMER OF  
2 THE BUS, RAIL, OR PARATRANSIT SERVICES OF THE WASHINGTON  
3 METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY; AND

4                   (V) SHALL SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS, TO THE GOVERNOR  
5 AND COUNTY EXECUTIVES ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR DURING  
6 THE COMMISSIONER'S TERM OF APPOINTMENT, THAT APPLY TO THE PREVIOUS  
7 CALENDAR YEAR AND INCLUDE:

8                   1. THE DATES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S  
9 ATTENDANCE AT WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS HELD SINCE SUBMISSION OF THE PREVIOUS  
11 REPORT, OR THE REASONS FOR NONATTENDANCE AT THE MEETINGS, IF ANY;

12                   2. THE DATES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S  
13 ATTENDANCE AT ANY OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COMMISSIONER'S  
14 OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT  
15 AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER; AND

16                   3. AN AFFIRMATION OF THE COMMISSIONER'S USE  
17 OF THE BUS, RAIL, AND PARATRANSIT SERVICES OF THE WASHINGTON  
18 METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY SINCE SUBMISSION OF THE  
19 PREVIOUS REPORT.

20                   [[5]] (6) (I) The Secretary of Transportation shall be an ex-officio  
21 member of the Commission and is entitled to the same rights of membership as the  
22 appointed members.

23                   (II) The Secretary of Transportation may designate in writing  
24 an alternate representative, who shall have the same rights of membership as the  
25 Secretary.

26                   [[6]] (7) (I) At least 1 commissioner from Prince George's County  
27 appointed by the county executive shall be appointed from among the members of the  
28 Prince George's County Council.

29                   (II) The other commissioner may be selected from among the  
30 members of the Prince George's County Council or from qualified residents of Prince  
31 George's County.

32                   [[7]] (8) The county executives may designate themselves as 1 of the  
33 commissioners from their respective counties.

1                    **[(8)] (9)**        Each commissioner serves at the pleasure of the respective  
2 appointing official.

3                    **[(9)] (10) (I)**      Commissioners, other than the required member from  
4 the Prince George's County Council, serve for a term of **[3] 4** years, which begins on  
5 **[June 1] JULY 1, AND MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.**

6                    **(II) THE TERMS OF THE COMMISSIONERS, OTHER THAN THE**  
7 **REQUIRED MEMBER FROM THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL, SHALL**  
8 **BE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR COMMISSIONERS**  
9 **ON OCTOBER 1, 2012.**

10                   **(III)** The commissioner required from the Prince George's County  
11 Council serves while a member of the county council, and at the pleasure of the  
12 County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County.

13                   **[(10)] (11) (I)**      **[Members] SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF**  
14 **THIS PARAGRAPH, MEMBERS** of the Commission shall serve until their successors  
15 have been appointed and qualified **OR UNTIL THE MEMBER IS REAPPOINTED BY**  
16 **THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY.**

17                   **(II) A MEMBER'S HOLDOVER PERIOD MAY NOT EXCEED 12**  
18 **MONTHS.**

19                   **[(11)] (12)** The county executives and the Governor shall inform the  
20 Commission of their appointments to and removals from the commission by delivering  
21 to the commission, a certified copy of the resolution or other action making the  
22 appointment or causing the removal.

23                   **(13) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVES AND THE GOVERNOR SHALL**  
24 **SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AN ANNUAL LETTER THAT**  
25 **ESTABLISHES THE COMPENSATION FOR EACH COMMISSIONER SERVING AS A**  
26 **PRINCIPAL OR ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN**  
27 **AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR,**  
28 **BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013.**

29 87-10.

30                   **(A)** No commissioner, nor any other officer, employee, agent or consultant,  
31 shall have any interest in any person or company engaged in the business of providing  
32 public transportation in the district or within the metropolitan area in which the  
33 district is located, or in the manufacture or sale of passenger transportation  
34 equipment or facilities.

1           **(B)** No commissioner nor any agent, officer, employee or consultant thereof,  
2 shall contract with the district or be interested in, either directly or indirectly, any  
3 contract with the district or in the sale of any property, either real or personal, to the  
4 district.

5           **(C)** Any violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor and punished as  
6 provided by law.

7           **(D) ALL COMMISSIONERS ARE PUBLIC OFFICIALS AS DEFINED UNDER**  
8 **THE MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS**  
9 **AND REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN TITLE 15 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**  
10 **ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED AND**  
11 **SUPPLEMENTED.**

## 12                                   Article 17 – Prince George’s County

### 13           Part III

#### 14           1.

15           (b) The General Assembly finds that, due to the interest of the State in  
16 transportation facilities in the Washington Metropolitan Area, and due to the  
17 substantial level of State financial support for transportation facilities and operations  
18 provided to the Commission under Sections 10–205 and 10–207 of the Transportation  
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- 1                   **5. PUBLIC SAFETY;**
- 2                   **6. HOMELAND SECURITY;**
- 3                   **7. HUMAN RESOURCES;**
- 4                   **8. LAW; OR**
- 5                   **9. KNOWLEDGE OF THE REGION’S TRANSPORTATION**  
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9 **METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY; AND**

10                   **(V) SHALL SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS, TO THE GOVERNOR**  
11 **AND COUNTY EXECUTIVES ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR DURING**  
12 **THE COMMISSIONER’S TERM OF APPOINTMENT, THAT APPLY TO THE PREVIOUS**  
13 **CALENDAR YEAR AND INCLUDE:**

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19 **ATTENDANCE AT ANY OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COMMISSIONER’S**  
20 **OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT**  
21 **AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER; AND**

22                   **3. AN AFFIRMATION OF THE COMMISSIONER’S USE**  
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6 George's County.

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8 commissioners from their respective counties.

9            ~~[(8)]~~ **(9)**     Each commissioner serves at the pleasure of the respective  
10 appointing official.

11           ~~[(9)]~~ **(10)**   **(I)**    Commissioners, other than the required member from  
12 the Prince George's County Council, serve for a term of ~~[3]~~ 4 years, which begins on  
13 ~~[June 1]~~ **JULY 1, AND A MAXIMUM OF TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.**

14           **(II)**    **THE TERMS OF THE COMMISSIONERS, OTHER THAN THE**  
15 **REQUIRED MEMBER FROM THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL, SHALL**  
16 **BE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR COMMISSIONERS**  
17 **ON OCTOBER 1, 2012.**

18           **(III)**    The commissioner required from the Prince George's County  
19 Council serves while a member of the county council, and at the pleasure of the  
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28 Commission of their appointments to and removals from the Commission by delivering  
29 to the Commission a certified copy of the resolution or other action making the  
30 appointment or causing the removal.

31           **(13)**    **THE COUNTY EXECUTIVES AND THE GOVERNOR SHALL**  
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34 **PRINCIPAL OR ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN**

1 **AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR,**  
2 **BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013.**

3 10.

4 (A) No commissioner, nor any other officer, employee, agent or consultant  
5 shall have any interest in any person or company engaged in the business of providing  
6 public transportation in the district or within the metropolitan area in which the  
7 district is located, or in the manufacture or sale of passenger transportation  
8 equipment or facilities.

9 (B) No commissioner nor any agent, officer, employee or consultant thereof,  
10 shall contract with the district or be interested in, either directly or indirectly, any  
11 contract with the district or in the sale of any property, either real or personal, to the  
12 district.

13 (C) Any violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor and punished as  
14 provided by law.

15 (D) **ALL COMMISSIONERS ARE PUBLIC OFFICIALS AS DEFINED UNDER**  
16 **THE MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS**  
17 **AND REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN TITLE 15 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**  
18 **ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED AND**  
19 **SUPPLEMENTED.**

20 **Article – State Government**

21 15–820.

22 (a) In this section, as to the Washington Suburban Transit Commission,  
23 “commissioner” includes [only] the members appointed from Prince George’s County  
24 or Montgomery County **AND THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

25 (b) (1) Each commissioner and each applicant for appointment to a  
26 bicounty commission shall file the financial disclosure statement required by §  
27 15–601(a) of this title, except that:

28 (i) references to “business with the State” are deemed to refer  
29 to “business with the State, the appropriate bicounty commission, Montgomery  
30 County, or Prince George’s County”; and

31 (ii) references to “employed by the State” are deemed to refer to  
32 “employed by the State, the appropriate bicounty commission, Montgomery County, or  
33 Prince George’s County”.

1           (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the statement shall be  
2 filed as prescribed in § 15–602 of this title.

3           (c) The executive director of a bicounty commission shall:

4                 (1) provide forms for the statements required by this section;

5                 (2) make the forms available in the office of the executive director; and

6                 (3) provide a sufficient number of forms to the chief administrative  
7 officers of Montgomery and Prince George’s counties for use by applicants and  
8 commissioners.

9           (d) **(1)** Each commissioner shall file the statement with the chief  
10 administrative officer of the county from which the commissioner is appointed.

11                         **(2) COMMISSIONERS OF THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT**  
12 **COMMISSION SHALL ALSO FILE A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH**  
13 **THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.**

14           (e) **(1)** If a commissioner of the Washington Suburban Transit  
15 Commission holds another public office and is required to file a financial disclosure  
16 statement under another State or local law, the commissioner may comply with  
17 subsection **[(a)] (B)** of this section by submitting a copy of the statement filed in  
18 accordance with the other law.

19                         **(2)** The statement shall be supplemented to include any additional  
20 information required by this section.

21           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the first annual reports  
22 required under Article 16, § 87–5(a)(5)(v) of the Public Local Laws of Maryland and  
23 Article 17 Part III, § 5(a)(5)(v) of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, both as enacted  
24 by Section 1 of this Act, shall be submitted on or before January 31, 2013, and shall  
25 cover the period from October 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

26           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

27                 (a) the terms of all members of the Washington Suburban Transit  
28 Commission appointed and serving as of October 1, 2012, shall expire on June 30,  
29 2013;

30                 (b) the initial appointments of the members of the Washington Suburban  
31 Transit Commission shall be made on July 1, 2013, and the terms of the initial  
32 members, other than the required member from the Prince George’s County Council,  
33 shall expire as follows:

1           (1) one commissioner who serves as a principal member of the  
2 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors, in 2017;

3           (2) one commissioner who is appointed by the County Executive of  
4 Montgomery County, but who does not serve as an alternate member of the  
5 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors, in 2017;

6           (3) the commissioner who serves as an alternate member of the  
7 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors representing  
8 Montgomery County, in 2016;

9           (4) one commissioner who serves as a principal member of the  
10 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors, in 2015; and

11           (5) the commissioner, other than the required member, who serves as  
12 an alternate member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of  
13 Directors representing Prince George's County, in 2014; and

14           (c) for purposes of term limits, a term that is less than 3 years may not be  
15 considered a full term.

16           SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2012.