

# SENATE BILL 345

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By: **Senator Glassman**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Water and Sewer Authorities – Number of Directors**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the apportionment of the number of directors between or  
4 among member political subdivisions required for a water and sewer authority;  
5 making stylistic changes; and generally relating to water and sewer authorities.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Environment  
8 Section 9–915  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Environment**

14 9–915.

15 (a) This section applies to an authority that has [2] **TWO** or more member  
16 political subdivisions.

17 (b) The number of directors of the authority is the greater of:

18 (1) [Five] **SEVEN**; or

19 (2) The number of member political subdivisions.

20 (c) The articles of incorporation for the authority shall provide for:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (1)    The appointment of directors;

2           (2)    The staggering of their terms; and

3           (3)    Where the number of member political subdivisions is less than **[5]**  
4 **SEVEN**, the apportioning of the directors between or among the member political  
5 subdivisions.

6           (d)    (1)    The term of a director may not be more than 5 years.

7           (2)    If a vacancy occurs during the term of a director, the governing  
8 body of the political subdivision that is represented by the director shall fill the  
9 vacancy.

10          (e)    If a political subdivision joins the authority, the governing body of the  
11 joining political subdivision immediately shall appoint **[1] ONE** director for a term that  
12 is the same as the terms of the other directors.

13          (f)    If a political subdivision withdraws from the authority, any director who  
14 was appointed to represent the withdrawing political subdivision immediately ceases  
15 to be a director.

16                SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2012.