

## Chapter 61

(Senate Bill 345)

AN ACT concerning

### ~~Environment~~ Harford County – Water and Sewer Authorities – Number of Directors

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

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

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

#### Article – Environment

9–915.

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

(b) ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION,** **THE** number of directors of the authority is the greater of:

- (1) ~~[Five]~~ **SEVEN**; or
- (2) The number of member political subdivisions.

(c) ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION,** **THE** articles of incorporation for the authority shall provide for:

- (1) The appointment of directors;
- (2) The staggering of their terms; and

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

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

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

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

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

**(G) IN HARFORD COUNTY:**

**(1) THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS OF THE AUTHORITY IS THE GREATER OF:**

**(I) SEVEN; OR**

**(II) THE NUMBER OF MEMBER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.**

**(2) THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE APPORTIONING OF THE DIRECTORS BETWEEN OR AMONG THE MEMBER SUBDIVISIONS IF THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IS LESS THAN SEVEN.**

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.**