

SENATE BILL 729

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By: **Calvert County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2013

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – County Commissioners – Method of Election**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the manner in which the County Commissioners of
4 Calvert County are elected beginning with a certain general election; requiring
5 that certain county commissioners be residents of and represent certain election
6 districts; requiring that certain other county commissioners be residents of the
7 county and represent the county at large; requiring that each candidate for the
8 office of county commissioner specify when filing a certificate of candidacy
9 certain information; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the
10 method of electing the County Commissioners of Calvert County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 The Public Local Laws of Calvert County
13 Section 2–102
14 Article 5 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
15 (2002 Edition and July 2011 Supplement, as amended)

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

18 **Article 5 – Calvert County**

19 2–102.

20 (A) Beginning with the general election to be held in Calvert County in
21 November, 1978, five County Commissioners shall be elected by countywide vote.

22 (B) [One] **BEGINNING WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN**
23 **CALVERT COUNTY IN NOVEMBER 2014:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER** shall be a resident of **AND SHALL**
2 **REPRESENT** the first election district[,] **OF THE COUNTY;**

3 **(2) [one] ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHALL BE** a resident of **AND**
4 **SHALL REPRESENT** the second election district[,] **OF THE COUNTY;**

5 **(3) [and one] ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHALL BE** a resident of
6 **AND SHALL REPRESENT** the third election district of the county[. Of the remaining
7 candidates, the two receiving the highest number of votes shall be selected]; **AND**

8 **(4) TWO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE RESIDENTS OF THE**
9 **COUNTY AND SHALL REPRESENT THE COUNTY AT LARGE.**

10 **(C) EACH CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER**
11 **SHALL SPECIFY AT THE TIME OF FILING A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY**
12 **WHETHER THE CANDIDATE IS SEEKING TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN WHICH**
13 **THE CANDIDATE RESIDES OR TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY AT LARGE.**

14 **(D)** Commissioners who are elected and qualify shall take office the third
15 Tuesday of December following election.

16 **(E)** Each commissioner shall hold office for four years or until a successor is
17 elected and qualified.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2013.