

HOUSE BILL 394

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By: **Delegate Bohanan**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Economic Development – Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland –**
3 **Reorganization**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Tri-County Council for Southern
5 Maryland; requiring Council members to serve at the pleasure of the
6 individuals or the board that appointed the members; providing for the term of
7 office for the county commissioner position on the Council; requiring the
8 responsibility for appointing the county commissioner position to alternate
9 among the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Charles County,
10 and St. Mary's County; requiring the Council to elect a chair from among its
11 members who represent the private sector; and generally relating to the
12 reorganization of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Economic Development
15 Section 13-601 and 13-602
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2008 Volume and 2013 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – Economic Development
20 Section 13-603 and 13-604
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2008 Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Economic Development**

26 13-601.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (b) “Commissioners” means the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert
3 County, Charles County, or St. Mary’s County, respectively.

4 (c) “Council” means the Tri–County Council for Southern Maryland.

5 (d) “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Council.

6 (e) “Plan” means a regional plan that the Council prepares for the region.

7 (f) “Region” means Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s counties.

8 13–602.

9 (a) There is a Tri–County Council for Southern Maryland.

10 (b) (1) The Council is a tax–exempt body politic and corporate.

11 (2) The Council is an independent unit that the Governor may not
12 place in a principal department.

13 (c) (1) The Council is a cooperative planning and development unit for the
14 region.

15 (2) The purposes of the Council are to:

16 (i) foster the physical, economic, and social development of the
17 region; and

18 (ii) use effectively the assistance provided to the region by the
19 State.

20 (3) The Council initiates and coordinates plans and projects for the
21 development of human and economic resources of the region as a southern Maryland
22 planning and development unit.

23 13–603.

24 (a) The Council consists of **THE FOLLOWING VOTING MEMBERS:**

25 [(1) the members of the General Assembly representing the region, as
26 voting members;

27 (2) the commissioners of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s counties, as
28 voting members;

1 (3) one voting member appointed by the president of the Southern
2 Maryland Municipal Association;

3 (4) one voting member at large from each county, appointed by the
4 commissioners of the county with the concurrence of the members of the General
5 Assembly representing the county;

6 (5) one nonvoting member from each county, appointed jointly by the
7 economic development commission and the planning and zoning commission of the
8 county; and

9 (6) one nonvoting member appointed by the Department and the
10 Department of Planning.]

11 **(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING**
12 **THE REGION, APPOINTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
13 **REPRESENTING THE REGION;**

14 **(2) ONE COMMISSIONER OF CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES**
15 **COUNTY, OR ST. MARY'S COUNTY APPOINTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
16 **SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
17 **COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY THE COMMISSIONER REPRESENTS;**

18 **(3) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE**
19 **SOUTHERN MARYLAND MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION; AND**

20 **(4) FROM EACH COUNTY:**

21 **(I) ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR WHO IS NOT AN**
22 **ELECTED OFFICIAL, APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
23 **OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MEMBER SERVES; AND**

24 **(II) THREE MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, APPOINTED**
25 **BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING THE COUNTY.**

26 (b) [(1) An ex officio member is a member only during the member's term
27 of office.

28 (2) A member at large serves at the pleasure of the elected members
29 who represent the same county.]

30 **(1) EACH MEMBER SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE**
31 **INDIVIDUALS OR THE BOARD THAT APPOINTED THE MEMBER.**

1 **(2) (I) THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER**
2 **POSITION ON THE COUNCIL SHALL BE 1 YEAR.**

3 **(II) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER POSITION ON THE**
4 **COUNCIL SHALL BE APPOINTED BY:**

5 **1. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF**
6 **CALVERT COUNTY IN 2014, AND EACH THIRD YEAR THEREAFTER;**

7 **2. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF**
8 **CHARLES COUNTY IN 2015, AND EACH THIRD YEAR THEREAFTER; AND**

9 **3. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST.**
10 **MARY'S COUNTY IN 2016, AND EACH THIRD YEAR THEREAFTER.**

11 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor
12 is appointed.

13 (4) [Except for an ex officio member, a] A member who is appointed
14 after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is
15 appointed.

16 13-604.

17 The Council shall elect a chair from among its members **WHO REPRESENT THE**
18 **PRIVATE SECTOR.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2014.