

HOUSE BILL 1022

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2014

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Board of License Commissioners – Membership**

3 **PG 309–14**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the membership of the Board of License Commissioners
5 of Prince George's County; requiring the Governor to appoint a certain number
6 of commissioners from certain political parties; requiring the Governor to
7 appoint at least a certain number of commissioners from each legislative district
8 in the county; requiring certain central committees to designate each
9 commissioner serving on a certain date as an eligible candidate, with a certain
10 exception; providing for staggered terms of office; requiring that not more than
11 a certain number of appointees belong to the same political party; authorizing
12 certain central committees to submit lists of eligible candidates for
13 commissioner to the Governor on or after a certain date; providing for the
14 effective dates of this Act; making certain stylistic changes; and generally
15 relating to the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George's County.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
18 Section 15–101(r)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

23 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

24 15–101.

25 (r) (1) This subsection applies in Prince George's County.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) (i) The Board of License Commissioners consists of **[5] NINE**
2 members.

3 (ii) **[The] SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS**
4 **PARAGRAPH, THE** Governor shall appoint:

5 1. **[4 of the 5 Commissioners] EIGHT OF THE NINE**
6 **COMMISSIONERS** from the political party obtaining the highest number of votes in
7 the last gubernatorial general election in the county[, and the Governor shall appoint
8 **1]; AND**

9 2. **ONE [Commissioner] COMMISSIONER** from the
10 political party obtaining the next highest number of votes in the county election.

11 **(III) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST ONE**
12 **COMMISSIONER FROM EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S**
13 **COUNTY.**

14 **[(iii)] (IV) 1. [Before] SUBJECT TO SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2**
15 **OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, BEFORE** making the appointments or filling any vacancy,
16 the Governor shall request the central committees for Prince George's County
17 representing each of the **[2] TWO** leading political parties of the State to designate at
18 least **[4] FOUR** eligible candidates for each position[;].

19 2. **EACH CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL DESIGNATE**
20 **EACH COMMISSIONER SERVING ON JUNE 30, 2014, AS AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE,**
21 **UNLESS TWO OR MORE COMMISSIONERS RESIDE IN THE SAME LEGISLATIVE**
22 **DISTRICT, IN WHICH CASE THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL DESIGNATE ONLY**
23 **ONE COMMISSIONER AS AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FROM THAT LEGISLATIVE**
24 **DISTRICT.**

25 3. **[and the] THE** Governor shall appoint one of the
26 persons so designated unless in **[his] THE GOVERNOR'S** judgment all of the persons
27 are unfit or incompetent, in which case **[he] THE GOVERNOR** shall file a written
28 statement to that effect with the Secretary of State.

29 4. The statement **FILED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH**
30 **3 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH** shall set forth the facts and the grounds **[therefor] FOR**
31 **FILING THE STATEMENT** and shall call upon the committees for Prince George's
32 County for another list of **[6] SIX** names for each position to be filled, from which list
33 and the original list the Governor shall make the appointments.

34 (3) **(I)** The term of a **[member] COMMISSIONER** is 3 years.

1 (II) The terms of the [members] COMMISSIONERS are
2 staggered as required by the terms provided for [members of the Board]
3 COMMISSIONERS on July 1, [1985] 2014.

4 (4) Not more than [4] EIGHT of the appointees shall belong to the
5 same political party.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the central committees
7 for Prince George's County representing each of the two leading political parties of the
8 State may submit their list of eligible candidates for commissioner to the Governor on
9 or after June 1, 2014.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the
11 commissioners serving on July 1, 2014, end as follows:

12 (1) three commissioners on June 30, 2015;

13 (2) three commissioners on June 30, 2016; and

14 (3) three commissioners on June 30, 2017.

15 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
16 take effect June 1, 2014.

17 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
18 Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.