

HOUSE BILL 1129

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**
Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2016
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Commissioners Appointed From**
3 **Montgomery County – Qualifications**

4 **PG/MC 116–16**

5 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that not more than two members of the
6 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission from Montgomery County be of the
7 same political party; and generally relating to qualifications of the members of the
8 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission appointed from Montgomery County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Public Utilities
11 Section 17–102
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Public Utilities**

17 17–102.

18 (a) The Commission consists of:

19 (1) three commissioners from Prince George's County, appointed by the
20 County Executive subject to the confirmation of the County Council; and

21 (2) three commissioners from Montgomery County, appointed by the
22 County Executive subject to the confirmation of the County Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) Each commissioner shall be a resident of the sanitary district.

2 (2) (i) Each commissioner from Montgomery County shall be a
3 registered voter of Montgomery County.

4 (ii) Each commissioner from Prince George's County shall be a
5 registered voter of Prince George's County.

6 (c) [(1)] An individual may not be appointed or continue in office as a
7 commissioner if the individual holds any other position of profit or trust under the
8 Constitution or laws of the State or any political subdivision of the State.

9 [(2) Not more than two commissioners from Montgomery County may be of
10 the same political party.]

11 (d) (1) The term of a commissioner is 4 years and begins on June 1 of the year
12 of appointment.

13 (2) The terms of commissioners are staggered as required by the terms
14 provided for commissioners on July 1, 1982.

15 (3) At the end of a term, a commissioner continues to serve until a successor
16 is appointed and takes the oath of office.

17 (4) A commissioner who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for
18 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and takes the oath of office.

19 (5) A vacancy on the Commission does not impair the right of the
20 remaining commissioners to exercise all the powers of the Commission.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2016.