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Senate Bill 129 (Senator Simonaire)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Anne Arundel County - Board of License Commissioners

This bill increases the total membership of the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners from three to five members and specifies that no more than three members may be from the same political party. The Governor must appoint one member from each of Anne Arundel County's five legislative districts. A member must have lived in the district the member would represent for at least six months immediately before being appointed and continue to live there throughout his or her term of office. A member who ceases to be a resident of the district must immediately leave office and have the seat declared vacant. The terms of all current board members expire at the end of June 30, 2017, and each board member's term begins on July 1.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2017.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County expenditures increase by approximately \$30,000 annually beginning in FY 2018 due to the addition of two new board positions. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The boards of license commissioners in each county, Baltimore City, and the City of Annapolis are responsible for issuing alcoholic beverage

licenses (the Comptroller's Office also issues some licenses) and generally administering the Alcoholic Beverages Article in their respective jurisdictions.

The Governor must appoint three members to the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners and no more than two members of the board may belong to the same political party. Each member of the board must be (1) a resident and voter of the county and (2) an individual of high character and integrity and of recognized business capacity. The term of a board member is two years. In case of a vacancy, the Governor must appoint an eligible individual to fill the remainder of the term of office of the individual originally appointed. Additionally, the Governor may remove a board member for misconduct in office, incompetence, or willful neglect of duty in a specified manner.

Local Expenditures: In Anne Arundel County, the chair of the board must receive an annual salary of up to \$18,000, and each other member of the board must receive an annual salary of up to \$15,000. Therefore, salary expenditures increase by up to \$30,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2018 due to the bill's addition of two new board positions. Other operating expenditures are estimated to increase minimally.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 210 (Delegate Simonaire) – Economic Matters.

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