

HOUSE BILL 370

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

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2020

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Bicounty Commissions – Annual Reports – Conflicts of Interest and Lobbying**

3 **PG/MC 102–20**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain bicounty commissions to submit a certain report on
5 certain conflict of interest issues and regulations on or before a certain date each
6 year; requiring certain bicounty commissions to submit a certain report on certain
7 lobbying and lobbying regulation on or before a certain date each year; requiring
8 certain bicounty commissions to publish certain reports on the website of the
9 bicounty commission; and generally relating to annual reports on conflicts of interest
10 and lobbying by bicounty commissions.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article – General Provisions

13 Section 5–101(c)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2019 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article – General Provisions

18 Section 5–823 and 5–830

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2019 Replacement Volume)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2 **Article – General Provisions**

3 5–101.

4 (c) “Bicounty commission” means:

5 (1) the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission;

6 (2) the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; or

7 (3) the Washington Suburban Transit Commission.

8 5–823.

9 (a) Each bicounty commission shall adopt regulations relating to conflicts of
10 interest of its employees.

11 (b) At a minimum, the conflict of interest standards applicable to public officials
12 under Subtitle 5 of this title shall apply to the employees of each bicounty commission.

13 (c) Each bicounty commission shall file with the Ethics Commission a copy of its
14 regulations relating to conflicts of interest.

15 (d) **[Each] ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30 EACH YEAR, EACH** bicounty commission
16 shall:

17 (1) prepare an annual report on its conflict of interest issues and
18 regulations during the **PREVIOUS CALENDAR** year [covered]; [and]

19 (2) submit the report to the governing body of each county in which the
20 bicounty commission operates; **AND**

21 **(3) PUBLISH THE REPORT ON THE WEBSITE OF THE BICOUNTY**
22 **COMMISSION.**

23 5–830.

24 (a) Each bicounty commission shall adopt regulations relating to lobbying of that
25 bicounty commission.

26 (b) At a minimum, the regulations adopted by a bicounty commission shall be
27 similar to the provisions of Subtitle 7 of this title.

28 (c) Each bicounty commission shall submit to the Ethics Commission a copy of its

1 regulations relating to lobbying.

2 (d) [Each] **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30 EACH YEAR, EACH** bicounty commission
3 shall:

4 (1) prepare an annual report on the lobbying before the bicounty
5 commission and regulation of that lobbying by the bicounty commission **FOR THE**
6 **PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR; [and]**

7 (2) submit the report to the governing body of each county in which the
8 bicounty commission operates; **AND**

9 **(3) PUBLISH THE REPORT ON THE WEBSITE OF THE BICOUNTY**
10 **COMMISSION.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.