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House Bill 900 (Delegate Bartlett)
Economic Matters

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Board of License Commissioners

This bill increases, from three to five, the number of members that the Governor must appoint to the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners and requires one member to be appointed from each legislative district in the county. The bill increases, from two to three, the maximum number of members from the same party that may be on the board. The bill establishes a four consecutive term limit and requires staggered terms for members of the board. The bill requires the board, not the Governor, to select its chair from among its members. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County expenditures increase beginning in FY 2022 by \$33,000 due to the increase in the number of commissioners under the bill. Anne Arundel County revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The term of each member of the board, or the member's successor selected to fill a vacancy, who is in office on June 30, 2021, must expire in 2022. The terms of each of the first two members of the board, or the member's successor selected to fill a vacancy who are appointed on or after the effective date of the bill must expire in 2023.

Current Law: In Anne Arundel County, the Governor must appoint three members to the board. The term for each member is two years. No more than two members of the board may belong to the same political party. Each member of the board must be a resident and voter of the county and must meet standards of high character, integrity, and of recognized business capacity. The Governor is required to appoint a chair from among the members of the board.

Local Fiscal Effect: Members of the board receive an annual salary up to \$15,000. Anne Arundel County advises the additional board members required under the bill will increase annual expenditures by \$32,295 beginning in fiscal 2022. This estimate includes fringe benefits.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 32 of 2020 passed the Senate and was referred to the House Economic Matters Committee, but no further action was taken. Its cross file, HB 757, passed the House with amendments and was referred to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, but no further action was taken.

Designated Cross File: SB 487 (Senator Beidle, *et al.*) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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