This bill authorizes the members of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission (WSTC) that are appointed by the County Executive of Montgomery County and the member appointed by the County Executive of Prince George’s County who is not the required member from the Prince George’s County Council to serve more than two consecutive terms. As a result, only the members appointed by the Governor are prohibited from serving more than two consecutive terms. The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect local government operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: WSTC is responsible for administering the Washington Suburban Transit District and is authorized to develop a transportation system, including mass transit facilities, for Montgomery and Prince George’s counties. It coordinates mass transit programs with the two county governments, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). MDOT
provides annual operating grants to WSTC, which then provides funding to WMATA for the operation of the Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess systems.

The commission consists of seven members: two appointed by the County Executive of Montgomery County; two appointed by the County Executive of Prince George’s County; two appointed by the Governor; and one that is the Secretary of Transportation as an ex officio member. At least one commissioner from Prince George’s County must be appointed from among the members of the Prince George’s County Council.

Other than the required member from the Prince George’s County Council, commissioners serve for a term of four years and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The commissioner required from the Prince George’s County Council serves while a member of the county council and at the pleasure of the County Executive and the Prince George’s County Council.

**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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