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Third Reader

House Bill 914

(Delegate Jackson)

Economic Matters

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Public Service Commission – Judicial Review – Proceedings

This bill specifies that a judicial review of a final decision or order by the Public Service Commission (PSC) must be instituted in (1) a circuit court for a county in which the public service company that is a party to the proceeding *provides service* or (2) in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations; however, PSC advises that the bill limits the venues for judicial review and as such, PSC administrative expenditures may decrease or be reallocated due to reduced travel for PSC legal staff.

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

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Except for PSC staff, a party or person in interest, including the People’s Counsel, that is dissatisfied by a final decision or order of PSC may seek judicial review of the decision or order. A proceeding for review must be instituted in (1) the circuit court in equity for any county in which the public service company involved in the proceeding *operates* or (2) the Circuit Court in equity for Baltimore City.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Public Service Commission; Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Maryland Department of the Environment; Department of Natural Resources; Maryland Department of Transportation; Office of People's Counsel; Department of Legislative Services

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