## **HOUSE BILL 921**

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By: Washington County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Washington County – Board of License Commissioners and Board of Community College Trustees – Membership
4 5 6 7 8	FOR the purpose of requiring that certain numbers of members of the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County and the Board of Community College Trustees for Washington County shall belong to certain political parties; and generally relating to the membership of the Board of License Commissioners and the Board of Community College Trustees in Washington County.
9 10 11 12 13	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 31–102 and 31–201 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)
14 15 16 17 18	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 31–202 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)
19 20 21 22 23	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 16–419 Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
24 25	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

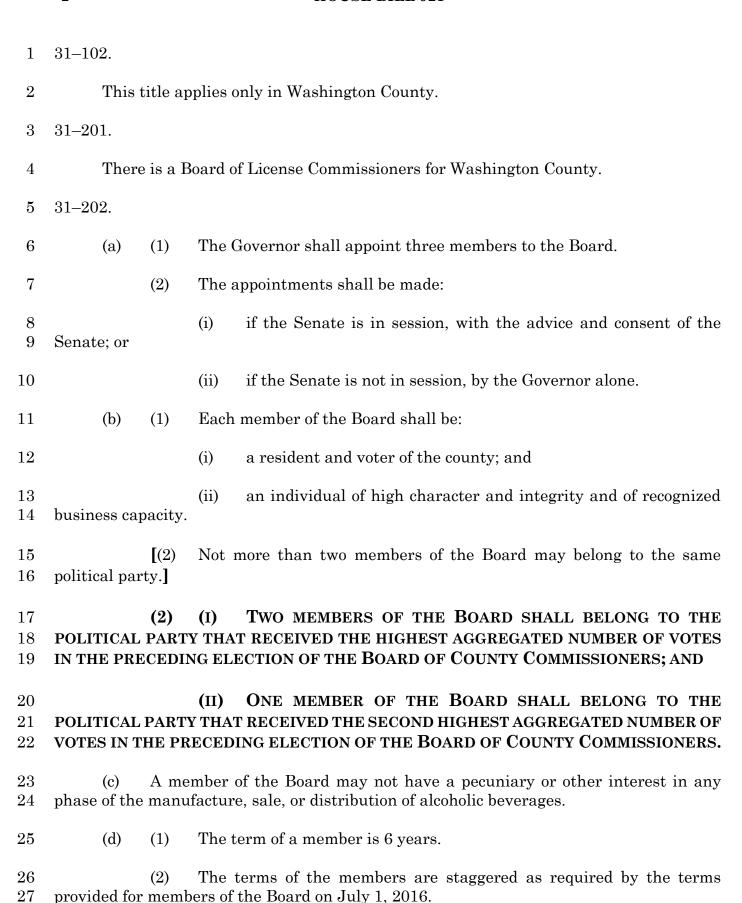
Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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- 1 The Governor shall appoint an eligible individual to fill a vacancy (e) (1) 2 during the remainder of the term of office of the individual originally appointed in 3 accordance with subsection (a) of this section. A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the 4 (2) remainder of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. 5 6 (f) (1) The Governor may remove a member for misconduct in office, 7 incompetence, or willful neglect of duty. 8 (2)The Governor shall give a member who is charged a copy of the charges 9 against the member and, with at least 10 days' notice, an opportunity to be heard publicly 10 in person or by counsel. 11 If a member is removed, the Governor shall file with the Office of the 12 Secretary of State a statement of charges against the member and the Governor's findings 13 on the charges. Article - Education 14 16-419.15 16 The Board of Community College Trustees for Washington County consists of 17 seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BELONG TO THE 18 (b) **(1)** 19 POLITICAL PARTY THAT RECEIVED THE HIGHEST AGGREGATED NUMBER OF VOTES 20 IN THE PRECEDING ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND 21THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BELONG TO THE **(2)** 22POLITICAL PARTY THAT RECEIVED THE SECOND HIGHEST AGGREGATED NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE PRECEDING ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. 23 24(C) Each of the members: 25(1) Shall be residents of Washington County at the time of appointment; 26 and 27 (2) Shall maintain residency in Washington County throughout the term
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 30 October 1, 2024.

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of appointment.