

# SENATE BILL 498

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By: **Washington County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2026

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County Salary Study Commission – Membership – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Washington County Salary Study  
4 Commission; and generally relating to the membership of the Washington County  
5 Salary Study Commission.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Local Government  
8 Section 28–202  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Local Government**

19 28–202.

20 There is a Washington County Salary Study Commission.

21 28–203.

22 (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (d) of this section, the Commission consists of  
23 the following members:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(1) one member from the Democratic Central Committee of Washington County;

(2) one member from the Republican Central Committee of Washington County;

(3) one member from the Washington County Chamber of Commerce;

(4) one member from the Washington County Farm Bureau;

(5) one member from the League of Women Voters of Washington County;

(6) one member from the Western Maryland Central Labor Council;

(7) one member from the [Cumberland Valley Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.] **WASHINGTON COUNTY HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.;**

(8) one member from the Joint Veterans Council of Washington County;  
and

(9) one at-large member who is a resident selected by the County Commissioners of Washington County.

(b) Each member shall be a registered voter of Washington County who in the previous 4 years has voted in at least two elections, at least one of which was in the gubernatorial election year.

(c) On or before March 31, 2016, and on or before March 31 each fourth year thereafter, the County Commissioners of Washington County shall request that each organization listed in subsection (a) of this section recommend an appointee to the county commissioners on or before the following May 15.

(d) (1) The County Commissioners of Washington County shall appoint the individual recommended by each organization listed in subsection (a) of this section.

(2) If an organization fails to make a recommendation to the county commissioners on or before June 1, the members who have been appointed to the Commission shall meet, solicit prospective members from the public, and select by majority vote a qualified substitute public member to the Commission to serve through the following December 1.

(3) A member of the Commission may not be an elected official or an employee of an official whose salary the Commission studies.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

