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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
EASTERN SHORE DELEGATION

TO: Finance Committee
FROM: Eastern Shore Delegation
DATE: February 18, 2021
RE: **SB 561/HB648-Electric Cooperatives-Meetings-Alterations**

**The Eastern Shore Delegation has voted in support of SB561/HB648
Sponsored by Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.**

The bill will allow Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) & Choptank Electric Cooperative on the Eastern Shore to hold its Annual Meeting in person, virtually or with a combination of in-person and virtual attendance. This will allow a person who is unable to attend the meeting in person to participate virtually and still count towards the requisite quorum of 50 members in attendance.

The Eastern Shore Delegation respectfully requests a favorable report for **SB 561/HB648**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Arentz", written over a light blue rectangular background.

Steven J. Arentz
Chair, Eastern Shore Delegation