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The Senate Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee SB 270 Somerset County - Elections - County Commissioners Districts and Board of Education Candidate Filings

Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza

Thank you, Chair King, Vice Chair Hayes, and members of the distinguished Senate Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee for allowing me to present Senate Bill 270 Somerset County - Elections - County Commissioners Districts and Board of Education Candidate Filings. This legislation would make changes to both the County Commissioner Districts and Board of Education Districts that reflect the 2020 census.

SB 270 is a local redistricting bill that is supported by the Somerset County Commissioners and was developed through several local redistricting committee meetings throughout this past summer.

You will hear from Doug Taylor, County Administrator for Somerset County, who will provide additional information and be able to answer specific questions regarding the District changes in Somerset County. Joining him today will be Audrey Cornelius, GIS Technician for Somerset County, and Julia Cox with the Somerset County Board of Elections.

Chair King and Vice Chair, I respectfully urge the Senate Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee Members for a favorable report on Senate Bill 270, a local Somerset County redistricting bill. Thank you for your kind attention and consideration of this local priority bill.