

## Opposite Chamber Bill Hearing Guidelines

### *House of Delegates*

All committees in the House of Delegates will not hold hearings on identically crossfiled bills. Bills with significant changes and non-crossfiled legislation will generally have sponsor only hearings but may add witnesses at the discretion of the chair.

### *State Senate*

- ❖ Budget and Tax: B&T will not hear House Bills that have a Senate cross-file that has already been heard by the Committee. For bills that are not cross-filed, the hearing will be sponsor only **or** their designee.
- ❖ Education, Health and Environmental Affairs: EHE does not hear House Bills that have a Senate cross-file that has already been heard by the Committee. For bills that are not cross-filed, there will be limited testimony. All House bill sponsors may select up to three witnesses, and if there is opposition, staff will ensure those witnesses are selected to testify (please note the witnesses must sign up via MyMGA). Sponsors ***must*** submit the sponsor witness form to [Lamorea.Stanton@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:Lamorea.Stanton@mlis.state.md.us) two business days in advance of the bill hearing by 3:00pm.
- ❖ Finance: Finance will not hear House Bills that have a Senate cross-file that has already been heard by the Committee. Subject to the discretion of the Chair, if the House Bill is significantly different than the Senate Bill as passed by the Senate, the committee may hear from the House sponsor only. All other House Bills will generally be sponsor only, and subject to the discretion of the Chair, may include limited testimony.
- ❖ Judicial Proceedings: JPR does not hear House Bills that have a Senate cross-file that has already been heard by the Committee. For bills that are not cross-filed, the hearing will be sponsor only unless there is opposition. If there is opposition the Committee will hold a limited bill hearing. All House bill sponsors may select up to three witnesses, and if there is opposition, staff will ensure those witnesses are selected to testify (please note the witnesses must sign up via MyMGA). Sponsors ***must*** submit the sponsor witness form to [Sandra.popp@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:Sandra.popp@mlis.state.md.us) two business days in advance of the bill hearing by 3:00pm.