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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Bicounty Commissions – Annual Reports – Conflicts of Interest and Lobbying**

3 **PG/MC 102–20**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain bicounty commissions to submit a certain report on
5 certain conflict of interest issues and regulations on or before a certain date each
6 year; requiring certain bicounty commissions to submit a certain report on certain
7 lobbying and lobbying regulation on or before a certain date each year; requiring
8 certain bicounty commissions to publish certain reports on the website of the
9 bicounty commission; and generally relating to annual reports on conflicts of interest
10 and lobbying by bicounty commissions.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article – General Provisions

13 Section 5–101(c)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2019 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article – General Provisions

18 Section 5–823 and 5–830

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2019 Replacement Volume)

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

4 **Article – General Provisions**

5 5–101.

6 (c) “Bicounty commission” means:

7 (1) the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission;

8 (2) the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; or

9 (3) the Washington Suburban Transit Commission.

10 5–823.

11 (a) Each bicounty commission shall adopt regulations relating to conflicts of
12 interest of its employees.

13 (b) At a minimum, the conflict of interest standards applicable to public officials
14 under Subtitle 5 of this title shall apply to the employees of each bicounty commission.

15 (c) Each bicounty commission shall file with the Ethics Commission a copy of its
16 regulations relating to conflicts of interest.

17 (d) **[Each] ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15 EACH YEAR, EACH** bicounty commission
18 shall:

19 (1) prepare an annual report on its conflict of interest issues and
20 regulations during the year covered; **[and]**

21 (2) submit the report to the governing body of each county in which the
22 bicounty commission operates; **AND**

23 **(3) PUBLISH THE REPORT ON THE WEBSITE OF THE BICOUNTY**

1 **COMMISSION.**

2 5-830.

3 (a) Each bicounty commission shall adopt regulations relating to lobbying of that
4 bicounty commission.

5 (b) At a minimum, the regulations adopted by a bicounty commission shall be
6 similar to the provisions of Subtitle 7 of this title.

7 (c) Each bicounty commission shall submit to the Ethics Commission a copy of its
8 regulations relating to lobbying.

9 (d) **[Each] ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15 EACH YEAR, EACH** bicounty commission
10 shall:

11 (1) prepare an annual report on the lobbying before the bicounty
12 commission and regulation of that lobbying by the bicounty commission; **[and]**

13 (2) submit the report to the governing body of each county in which the
14 bicounty commission operates; **AND**

15 **(3) PUBLISH THE REPORT ON THE WEBSITE OF THE BICOUNTY**
16 **COMMISSION.**

17 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2020.