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By: **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Membership – Alterations**

3 **MC/PG 110–23**

4 FOR the purpose of adding the general manager of the Washington Suburban Sanitary  
5 Commission as a member of the Commission; requiring that one commissioner from  
6 Prince George’s County and one commissioner from Montgomery County be a subject  
7 matter expert in certain areas; and generally relating to the membership of the  
8 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Public Utilities  
11 Section 17–102  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Public Utilities**

17 17–102.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) The Commission consists of:

2 (1) **THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE COMMISSION;**

3 **(2)** three commissioners from Prince George's County, appointed by the  
4 County Executive subject to the confirmation of the County Council; and

5 ~~[(2)]~~ **(3)** three commissioners from Montgomery County, appointed by the  
6 County Executive subject to the confirmation of the County Council.

7 (b) (1) Each commissioner from Prince George's County shall be a resident of  
8 the sanitary district.

9 (2) (i) Each commissioner from Montgomery County shall be a  
10 registered voter of Montgomery County.

11 (ii) Each commissioner from Prince George's County shall be a  
12 registered voter of Prince George's County.

13 **(3) ONE COMMISSIONER FROM EACH COUNTY MUST BE A SUBJECT**  
14 **MATTER EXPERT IN THE AREA OF WATER CONSERVATION, MECHANICAL**  
15 **ENGINEERING, CIVIL ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, OR**  
16 **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING.**

17 (c) (1) An individual may not be appointed or continue in office as a  
18 commissioner if the individual holds any other position of profit or trust under the  
19 Constitution or laws of the State or any political subdivision of the State.

20 (2) Not more than two commissioners from Montgomery County may be of  
21 the same political party.

22 (d) (1) **THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO MEMBERS OF THE**  
23 **COMMISSION APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (A)(2) AND (3) OF THIS SECTION.**

24 **(2)** The term of a commissioner is 4 years and begins on June 1 of the year  
25 of appointment.

1            **[(2)] (3)**        The terms of commissioners are staggered as required by the  
2 terms provided for commissioners on July 1, 1982.

3            **[(3)] (4)**        At the end of a term, a commissioner continues to serve until a  
4 successor is appointed and takes the oath of office.

5            **[(4)] (5)**        A commissioner who is appointed after a term has begun serves  
6 only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and takes the oath of office.

7            **[(5)] (6)**        A vacancy on the Commission does not impair the right of the  
8 remaining commissioners to exercise all the powers of the Commission.

9            **(E) THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE COMMISSION MAY NOT VOTE ON**  
10 **MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATING TO:**

11            **(1) THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL;**

12            **(2) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION; OR**

13            **(3) THE GENERAL MANAGER.**

14            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, as to the requirement that  
15 one commissioner from each county must be a subject matter expert under § 17–102(b) of  
16 the Public Utilities Article, as enacted under Section 1 of this Act, this Act:

17            (1) may not be construed to apply to the incumbent commissioners of the  
18 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in office on the effective date of this Act; but

19            (2) shall be applied at the beginning of each commissioner’s next term of  
20 office.

21            SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2023.