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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County and Montgomery County – The Washington Suburban**  
3 **Transit Commission Reform Act**

4 **PG/MC 103–24**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Transportation’s designee to attend  
6 meetings of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors  
7 on behalf of the Secretary when the Secretary is not available; providing that the  
8 Secretary’s designee has the same powers as the Secretary when attending meetings  
9 of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors on behalf  
10 of the Secretary; authorizing the Washington Suburban Transit Commission to  
11 reappoint a certain appointee to be a principal member of the Washington  
12 Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors; repealing a limitation that  
13 the Washington Suburban Transit District’s authority to make and enter into all  
14 contracts or agreements the Commission determines are necessary is subject to the  
15 review and approval by the respective governing bodies of the counties; and generally  
16 relating to the Washington Suburban Transit Commission.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
18 The Public Local Laws of Montgomery County  
19 Section 87–4  
20 Article 16 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2014 Edition and August 2023 Supplement, as amended)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
3 The Public Local Laws of Montgomery County  
4 Section 87–5(a)(14) and 87–17(d)  
5 Article 16 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
6 (2014 Edition and August 2023 Supplement, as amended)

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 The Public Local Laws of Prince George’s County  
9 Part III, Section 4  
10 Article 17 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
11 (2015 Edition and 2018 Supplement, as amended)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 The Public Local Laws of Prince George’s County  
14 Part III, Section 5(a)(14) and 17(a)(4)  
15 Article 17 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
16 (2015 Edition and 2018 Supplement, as amended)

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

19 **Article 16 – Montgomery County**

20 87–4.

21 There is hereby created the Washington Suburban Transit Commission, which shall  
22 have the powers and duties granted herein and such additional powers as may hereafter  
23 lawfully be conferred upon it pursuant to law, to manage and control the functions, affairs  
24 and property of the corporation.

25 87–5.

26 (a) (14) (i) The following commissioners shall serve as the Commission’s  
27 appointees to be principal members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit  
28 Authority Board of Directors:

1                   1.     Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the  
2 Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary’s designee, as an ex officio principal member;  
3 and

4                   2.     Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, one of the  
5 commissioners appointed by the Governor under paragraph (4) of this subsection.

6                   (ii)    The Secretary of Transportation’s designee under subparagraph  
7 (i)1 of this paragraph:

8                   1.     Shall be an employee of the Department of  
9 Transportation;

10                  2.     Shall have experience with and possess qualifications  
11 related to transit; and

12                  3.     **A.**    May attend meetings of the Washington  
13 Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors on behalf of the Secretary [only if  
14 a scheduling conflict arises] **WHEN THE SECRETARY IS NOT AVAILABLE; AND**

15                               **B.**    **WHEN ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE**  
16 **SECRETARY, SHALL HAVE THE SAME POWERS AS THE SECRETARY.**

17                  (iii)   The Commission’s appointee under subparagraph (i)2 of this  
18 paragraph [may]:

19                               **1.     MAY BE REAPPOINTED; AND**

20                               **2.     MAY** not be succeeded in office by a commissioner who is  
21 a resident of the same county.

22 87–17.

23                  Without in any manner limiting or restricting the general powers created by this  
24 subtitle, the district shall have power:

25                  (d)    Subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 87–12 [and subject to the  
26 review and approval in whole or in part by the respective governing bodies of the counties],

1 to make and enter into all contracts or agreements as the commission may determine which  
2 are necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and to the execution of the  
3 powers granted under this chapter;

4 **Article 17 – Prince George’s County**

5 Part III.

6 4.

7 There is hereby created the Washington Suburban Transit Commission, which shall  
8 have the powers and duties granted herein and such additional powers as may hereafter  
9 lawfully be conferred upon it pursuant to law, to manage and control the functions, affairs  
10 and property of the corporation.

11 5.

12 (a) (14) (A) The following Commissioners shall serve as the Commission’s  
13 appointees to be principal members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit  
14 Authority Board of Directors:

15 (i) Subject to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the  
16 Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary’s Designee, as an ex officio principal member;  
17 and

18 (ii) Subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, one of the  
19 Commissioners appointed by the Governor under paragraph (4) of this subsection.

20 (B) The Secretary of Transportation’s designee under subparagraph  
21 (A)(i) of this paragraph:

22 (i) Shall be an employee of the Department of  
23 Transportation;

24 (ii) Shall have experience with and possess qualifications  
25 related to transit; and

26 (iii) 1. May attend meetings of the Washington

1 Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors on behalf of the Secretary [only if  
2 a scheduling conflict arises] **WHEN THE SECRETARY IS NOT AVAILABLE; AND**

3 **2. WHEN ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE**  
4 **SECRETARY, SHALL HAVE THE SAME POWERS AS THE SECRETARY.**

5 (C) The Commission's appointee under subparagraph (A)(ii) of this  
6 paragraph [may]:

7 **(I) MAY BE REAPPOINTED; AND**

8 **(II) MAY** not be succeeded in office by a Commissioner who is  
9 a resident of the same County.

10 17.

11 (a) Without in any manner limiting or restricting the general powers created by  
12 this Subtitle, the district shall have power:

13 (4) Subject to the provisions of Section 12(a) hereof [and subject to the  
14 review and approval in whole or in part by the respective governing bodies of the counties],  
15 to make and enter into all contracts or agreements as the Commission may determine  
16 which are necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and to the execution of  
17 the powers granted under this Subtitle.

18 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2024.