

# HOUSE BILL 1323

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By: **Delegate Glenn**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – State Boards and Commissions – Minority Party**  
3 **Representation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the members of a State board or commission  
5 appointed by the Governor include, under certain circumstances, a certain  
6 number of members who are registered voters of the State and not registered as  
7 members of the majority party; defining a certain term; and generally relating  
8 to minority party representation on State boards and commissions.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article – State Government  
11 Section 8–505  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – State Government**

17 **8–505.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MAJORITY PARTY” MEANS THE POLITICAL PARTY**  
19 **THAT HAD THE LARGEST NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS REGISTERED AS**  
20 **MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AT THE TIME OF THE LAST STATEWIDE GENERAL**  
21 **ELECTION.**

22 **(B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE MEMBERS OF A**  
23 **STATE BOARD OR COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL**  
24 **INCLUDE:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(1) IF THE BOARD OR COMMISSION HAS FEWER THAN FIVE**  
2 **MEMBERS, AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE STATE**  
3 **AND IS NOT REGISTERED AS A MEMBER OF THE MAJORITY PARTY; OR**

4           **(2) IF THE BOARD OR COMMISSION HAS 10 OR MORE MEMBERS,**  
5 **AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE AND**  
6 **ARE NOT REGISTERED AS MEMBERS OF THE MAJORITY PARTY.**

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2013.