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By: **Senator Ferguson**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – State Boards and Commissions – Appointments of**
3 **Members of Nonprincipal Political Parties**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a member of a State board or commission appointed
5 by the Governor to be a member of a nonprincipal political party; defining a
6 certain term; and generally relating to the appointment of members of a
7 nonprincipal political party to State boards and commissions.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – State Government
10 Section 8–505
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – State Government**

16 **8–505.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “NONPRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTY” MEANS A**
18 **PARTY OTHER THAN THE STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OR THE STATE**
19 **REPUBLICAN PARTY.**

20 **(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A MEMBER OF**
21 **A STATE BOARD OR COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY BE A**
22 **MEMBER OF A NONPRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2014.