

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
2017 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
First Reader

House Bill 326 (Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's
County Delegation)

Environment and Transportation

**Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Prince George's
County - Appointment Procedures**
MC/PG 105-17

This bill alters the appointment procedures for a member of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) from Prince George's County by requiring the Prince George's County Council to appoint each commissioner from the county, subject to the approval of the County Executive. Under current law, the appointments are made by the County Executive, subject to the approval of the County Council.

The bill also conforms Prince George's County's appointment procedures to the appointment procedures used in Montgomery County, except that in Prince George's County the County Council and County Executive must continue to consider geographic balance in making and approving commissioner appointments.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill does not materially affect the operations or finances of either M-NCPPC or Prince George's County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Prince George's County, the County Executive appoints each park and planning commissioner from the county, subject to the approval of the County Council. The County Council must hold a public hearing on the appointment within a certain time period. If the County Council fails to act on an appointment within a certain time period, the appointment is deemed approved. A vote of a majority of the full County Council is required to approve or disapprove an appointment.

Background: M-NCPPC is a bi-county agency serving Montgomery and Prince George's counties that was empowered by the State in 1927 to acquire and administer a regional system of parks within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District and administer a general plan for the physical development of the area. In 1970, M-NCPPC became responsible for managing the Prince George's County public recreation program.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1124 of 2016 was assigned to the House Environment and Transportation Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: SB 889 (Senator Rosapepe) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

Information Source(s): Prince George's County; Department of Legislative Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - February 28, 2017
md/hlb

Analysis by: Michael Sanelli

Direct Inquiries to:
(410) 946-5510
(301) 970-5510