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Maryland General Assembly  
2019 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

House Bill 700 (Washington County Delegation)  
Environment and Transportation Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Washington County - Code of Public Local Laws - Legalization**

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This bill legalizes and authorizes the publication of the 2019 edition of the Washington County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to it. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Washington County advises that publication costs are absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Washington County is one of six counties that operate under the commission form of government. Commission counties have limited powers and only those powers that are expressly delegated by the General Assembly. Legalizing changes to the code of public local laws prior to publication of a new compilation must receive approval of the General Assembly.

**Background:** If a county makes nonsubstantive revisions to its code of public local laws, the revised code must be “legalized” by the General Assembly to the extent that local laws enacted by the General Assembly and contained in the county’s code are affected by the nonsubstantive revisions.

Chapter 253 of 2007 legalized and authorized the publication of the current edition of the Washington County Code of Public Local Laws.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 590 (Washington County Senators) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

**Information Source(s):** Washington County; Department of Legislative Services

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