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House Bill 20
Appropriations

(Delegate Chang)

Finance

Maryland Stadium Authority - Membership

This bill increases the membership of the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) from seven members to nine members, which includes one member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Delegates may remove his or her appointed member for incompetence, misconduct, or failure to perform the position's duties. Five MSA members, instead of four, are a quorum, and action by MSA requires the affirmative vote of at least five members, instead of four.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for the two additional MSA members are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: MSA was established in 1986 as an independent unit in the Executive Branch to be responsible for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities for use by professional baseball and/or football teams. MSA's authority has since been expanded further to include a variety of State and local projects. MSA may, in fact, manage any type of construction project for local governments and State agencies upon request and approval by the General Assembly.

MSA consists of seven members, six of whom are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the other member is appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor must ensure that the geographic areas of the State are represented when making appointments. A member's term is four years, and at the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies. A member may be removed for incompetence, misconduct, or failure to perform the duties of the position by the Governor if appointed by the Governor, or by the mayor if appointed by the mayor. Four members of MSA are a quorum, and action by MSA requires the affirmative vote of at least four members. A member of MSA may not receive compensation; however, the member is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses as provided in the State budget.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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