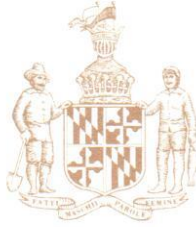


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HB 992
Maryland Environmental Trust
Board of Trustees

House Bill 992 changes the process for selecting members of the Maryland Environmental Trust Board of Trustees. Currently, the Governor, the President and the Speaker each select 3 candidates and forward them to the MET Board. The Board then elects two members submitted by the Governor and one each selected from the President and the Speaker. Chapter 148 of 2016 established the current process and increased the membership of the Board to 19.

Under the current system the process is a bit unwieldy, with candidates having to go through the two step process. The Board has often not had it's full membership of 19 filled. On occasion quorum hasn't been reached.

HB 992 allows the Governor, the President and the Speaker to continue to select members of the Board but repeals the extra names that is called for under current law. This will streamline the process.

Amendments have been requested to delete the provision in statute that requires 10 members for a quorum. Since the Board has at times been operating with less than 19 the amendment would allow the Board to take steps through the bylaws to adjust the quorum requirements.

I urge a favorable report of HB 992.