

HOUSE BILL 930

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2015

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Board of License Commissioners – Membership**

3 **PG 315–15**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the membership of the Board of License Commissioners of
5 Prince George's County; requiring the Governor to appoint a certain number of
6 commissioners from certain political parties; requiring the Governor to appoint at
7 least a certain number of commissioners from each legislative district in the county;
8 requiring certain central committees to designate each commissioner serving on a
9 certain date as an eligible candidate, with a certain exception; providing for
10 staggered terms of office; requiring that not more than a certain number of
11 appointees belong to the same political party; authorizing certain central committees
12 to submit lists of eligible candidates for commissioner to the Governor on or after a
13 certain date; providing for the effective dates of this Act; making certain stylistic
14 changes; and generally relating to the Board of License Commissioners of Prince
15 George's County.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
18 Section 15–101(r)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

23 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

24 15–101.

25 (r) (1) This subsection applies in Prince George's County.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) (i) The Board of License Commissioners consists of [5] NINE
2 members.

3 (ii) [The] **SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS**
4 **PARAGRAPH, THE** Governor shall appoint [4 of the 5 Commissioners]:

5 1. **EIGHT OF THE NINE COMMISSIONERS** from the political
6 party obtaining the highest number of votes in the last gubernatorial general election in
7 the county[, and the Governor shall appoint 1 Commissioner]; AND

8 2. **ONE COMMISSIONER** from the political party obtaining
9 the next highest number of votes in the county election.

10 (iii) **THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST ONE**
11 **COMMISSIONER FROM EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

12 [(iii)] (iv) 1. [Before] **SUBJECT TO SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF**
13 **THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, BEFORE** making the appointments or filling any vacancy, the
14 Governor shall request the central committees for Prince George's County representing
15 each of the [2] **TWO** leading political parties of the State to designate at least [4] **FOUR**
16 eligible candidates for each position[; and the].

17 2. **EACH CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL DESIGNATE EACH**
18 **COMMISSIONER SERVING ON JUNE 30, 2015, AS AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE, UNLESS**
19 **TWO OR MORE COMMISSIONERS RESIDE IN THE SAME LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, IN**
20 **WHICH CASE THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL DESIGNATE ONLY ONE**
21 **COMMISSIONER AS AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FROM THAT LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.**

22 3. **THE** Governor shall appoint one of the persons so
23 designated unless in [his] **THE GOVERNOR'S** judgment all of the persons are unfit or
24 incompetent, in which case [he] **THE GOVERNOR** shall file a written statement to that
25 effect with the Secretary of State.

26 4. The statement **FILED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 3 OF**
27 **THIS SUBPARAGRAPH** shall set forth the facts and the grounds [therefor] **FOR FILING**
28 **THE STATEMENT** and shall call upon the committees for Prince George's County for
29 another list of [6] **SIX** names for each position to be filled, from which list and the original
30 list the Governor shall make the appointments.

31 (3) (I) The term of a [member] **COMMISSIONER** is 3 years.

1 **(II)** The terms of the [members] **COMMISSIONERS** are staggered as
2 required by the terms provided for [members of the Board] **COMMISSIONERS** on July 1,
3 **[1985] 2015**.

4 (4) Not more than **[4] EIGHT** of the appointees shall belong to the same
5 political party.

6 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That the central committees for
7 Prince George's County representing each of the two leading political parties of the State
8 may submit their list of eligible candidates for commissioner to the Governor on or after
9 June 1, 2015.

10 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That the terms of the
11 commissioners serving on July 1, 2015, end as follows:

12 (1) three commissioners on June 30, 2016;

13 (2) three commissioners on June 30, 2017; and

14 (3) three commissioners on June 30, 2018.

15 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That Section 2 of this Act shall take
16 effect June 1, 2015.

17 **SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That, except as provided in Section
18 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2015.