

# HOUSE BILL 535

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

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Transit Commission – Montgomery County and Prince**  
3 **George's County Commissioners – Repeal of Term Limit**

4 **PG/MC 111-22**

5 FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition against a Commissioner of the Washington  
6 Suburban Transit Commission serving more than a certain number of consecutive  
7 terms as it applies to ~~a Commissioner~~ Commissioners appointed by the County  
8 Executive of Montgomery County or the County Executive of Prince George's County;  
9 and generally relating to the Washington Suburban Transit Commission.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 The Public Local Laws of Montgomery County  
12 Section ~~87-5(a)(1) and (2)~~ 87-5(a)(1), (2), and (3)(i)  
13 Article 16 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
14 (2004 Edition and July–August 2021 Supplement, as amended)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 The Public Local Laws of Montgomery County  
17 Section 87-5(a)(10)  
18 Article 16 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
19 (2004 Edition and July–August 2021 Supplement, as amended)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
21 The Public Local Laws of Prince George's County

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Part III, Section ~~5(a)(1) and (2)~~ (5)(a)(1), (2), and (3)(A)  
 2 Article 17 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
 3 (2015 Edition and 2018 Supplement, as amended)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 5 The Public Local Laws of Prince George’s County  
 6 Part III, Section 5(a)(10)  
 7 Article 17 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
 8 (2015 Edition and 2018 Supplement, as amended)

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

11 **Article 16 – Montgomery County**

12 87–5.

13 (a) (1) The commission consists of 7 members.

14 (2) (i) The County Executive of Montgomery County shall appoint 2  
 15 members, subject to the confirmation of the Montgomery County Council.

16 (ii) Of these two appointees, one shall be designated by the County  
 17 Executive to serve as an alternate member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit  
 18 Authority Board of Directors.

19 (3) (i) The County Executive of Prince George’s County shall appoint 2  
 20 members, subject to the confirmation of the Prince George’s County Council.

21 (10) (i) Commissioners, other than the required member from the Prince  
 22 George’s County Council, serve for a term of 4 years which begins on July 1[, and].

23 ~~(II) COMMISSIONERS, OTHER THAN THE REQUIRED MEMBER~~  
 24 ~~FROM THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY~~  
 25 ~~THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, APPOINTED BY THE~~  
 26 ~~GOVERNOR~~ may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

27 [(ii)] (III) The terms of the commissioners, other than the required  
 28 member from the Prince George’s County Council, shall be staggered as required by the  
 29 terms provided for commissioners on October 1, 2012.

30 [(iii)] (IV) The commissioner required from the Prince George’s  
 31 County Council serves while a member of the county council, and at the pleasure of the  
 32 County Executive and County Council of Prince George’s County.

33 **Article 17 – Prince George’s County**

1 Part III.

2 5.

3 (a) (1) The Commission consists of 7 members.

4 (2) (A) The County Executive of Montgomery County shall appoint 2  
5 members, subject to the confirmation of the Montgomery County Council.

6 (B) Of these two appointees, one shall be designated by the County  
7 Executive to serve as an alternate member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit  
8 Authority Board of Directors.

9 (3) (A) The County Executive of Prince George's County shall appoint 2  
10 members, subject to the confirmation of the Prince George's County Council.

11 (10) (A) Commissioners, other than the required member from the Prince  
12 George's County Council, serve for a term of 4 years which begins on July 1[, and a  
13 maximum of].

14 (B) ~~COMMISSIONERS, OTHER THAN THE REQUIRED MEMBER~~  
15 ~~FROM THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY~~  
16 ~~THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, APPOINTED BY THE~~  
17 ~~GOVERNOR~~ MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN two consecutive terms.

18 [(B)] (C) The terms of the Commissioners, other than the required  
19 member from the Prince George's County Council, shall be staggered as required by the  
20 terms provided for Commissioners on October 1, 2012.

21 [(C)] (D) The Commissioner required from the Prince George's  
22 County Council serves while a member of the County Council, and at the pleasure of the  
23 County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
25 1, 2022.