

# HOUSE BILL 635

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**  
Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2013  
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Restrictions on**  
3 **Commissioners from Montgomery County**

4 **MC/PG 102–13**

5 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that not more than three members of the  
6 Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission from Montgomery  
7 County be members of the same political party; and generally relating to  
8 restrictions on members of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning  
9 Commission from Montgomery County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Land Use  
12 Section 15–102  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2012 Volume)

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

17 **Article – Land Use**

18 15–102.

19 (a) (1) The Commission consists of 10 members.

20 (2) Of the 10 members of the Commission:

21 (i) five shall be residents and registered voters of Montgomery  
22 County; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) five shall be residents and registered voters of Prince  
2 George's County.

3 (3) (i) Subject to the approval of the County Executive, the County  
4 Council shall appoint each commissioner from Montgomery County.

5 (ii) Subject to the approval of the County Council, the County  
6 Executive shall appoint each commissioner from Prince George's County.

7 (b) Each commissioner shall be an individual of ability, experience, and  
8 integrity.

9 (c) (1) [Of the commissioners from each county, not] **NOT** more than  
10 three **COMMISSIONERS FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** shall be members of the  
11 same political party.

12 (2) A commissioner may not be selected as representing or supporting  
13 any special interest.

14 (d) (1) The term of a commissioner is 4 years and begins on June 15.

15 (2) The terms of commissioners are staggered as required by the terms  
16 provided for commissioners on October 1, 2012.

17 (3) At the end of a term, a commissioner continues to serve until a  
18 successor is appointed and qualifies.

19 (4) A commissioner who is appointed after a term has begun serves  
20 only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

21 (5) A commissioner who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired  
22 term shall be a member of the same political party as the commissioner who vacated  
23 the office.

24 (6) A commissioner appointed from Montgomery County may not be  
25 appointed for three consecutive full terms.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2013.