

SENATE BILL 498

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CF HB 934

By: **Washington County Senators**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County Salary Study Commission – Membership – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Washington County Salary Study
4 Commission; and generally relating to the membership of the Washington County
5 Salary Study Commission.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Local Government
8 Section 28–202
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Local Government**

19 28–202.

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 There is a Washington County Salary Study Commission.

2 28–203.

3 (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (d) of this section, the Commission consists of
4 the following members:

5 (1) one member from the Democratic Central Committee of Washington
6 County;

7 (2) one member from the Republican Central Committee of Washington
8 County;

9 (3) one member from the Washington County Chamber of Commerce;

10 (4) one member from the Washington County Farm Bureau;

11 (5) one member from the League of Women Voters of Washington County;

12 (6) one member from the Western Maryland Central Labor Council;

13 (7) one member from the [Cumberland Valley Associated Builders and
14 Contractors, Inc.] **WASHINGTON COUNTY HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.;**

15 (8) one member from the Joint Veterans Council of Washington County;
16 and

17 (9) one at-large member who is a resident selected by the County
18 Commissioners of Washington County.

19 (b) Each member shall be a registered voter of Washington County who in the
20 previous 4 years has voted in at least two elections, at least one of which was in the
21 gubernatorial election year.

22 (c) On or before March 31, 2016, and on or before March 31 each fourth year
23 thereafter, the County Commissioners of Washington County shall request that each
24 organization listed in subsection (a) of this section recommend an appointee to the county
25 commissioners on or before the following May 15.

26 (d) (1) The County Commissioners of Washington County shall appoint the
27 individual recommended by each organization listed in subsection (a) of this section.

28 (2) If an organization fails to make a recommendation to the county
29 commissioners on or before June 1, the members who have been appointed to the
30 Commission shall meet, solicit prospective members from the public, and select by majority
31 vote a qualified substitute public member to the Commission to serve through the following
32 December 1.

1 (3) A member of the Commission may not be an elected official or an
2 employee of an official whose salary the Commission studies.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.