

# STATE STRUCTURES OF GOVERNMENT: EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES



**MARYLAND**



**PENNSYLVANIA**



**VIRGINIA**

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| <b>Members of Senate</b>                             | <b>47 Senators</b><br>Each representing approx. 128,000 people<br>4-year term          | <b>50 Senators</b><br>Each representing approx. 254,000 people<br>4-year term        | <b>40 Senators</b><br>Each representing approx. 212,000 people<br>4-year term                         |
| <b>Members of House</b>                              | <b>141 Delegates</b><br>Each representing approx. 43,000–128,000 people<br>4-year term | <b>203 Representatives</b><br>Each representing approx. 63,000 people<br>2-year term | <b>100 Delegates</b><br>Each representing approx. 85,000 people<br>2-year term                        |
| <b>District Boundaries</b>                           | House districts are coterminous with Senate districts                                  | House and Senate districts are geographically distinct                               | House and Senate districts are geographically distinct  |
| <b>Upcoming General Election</b>                     | <b>November 2022</b><br>(All members of House and Senate)                              | <b>November 2022</b><br>(All members of House, half of Senate)                       | <b>November 2021</b><br>(House only)<br><b>November 2023</b><br>(All members of the House and Senate) |
| <b>Length of Session</b>                             | <b>90 Days</b>   | <b>2 Years</b>   | <b>60 Days</b> (Even years)<br><b>45 Days</b> (Odd years)   |
| <b>Number of Bills per Session</b>                   | Approx. <b>3,000</b><br>28% became law in 2018   | Approx. <b>4,000</b><br>6% became law in 2017–18                                     | Approx. <b>3,000</b><br>33% became law in 2018  |
| <b>Budget</b>  | Annual   | Annual   | Biennial  |
| <b>Number of Counties</b>                            | <b>24</b><br>(including Baltimore City)  | <b>67</b>  | <b>95</b>   |
| <b>Number of Municipalities</b>                      | <b>157</b><br>Cities, towns, villages  | <b>2,560</b><br>Cities, boroughs, towns and townships                                | <b>228</b><br>Cities and towns  |
| <b>State Population</b>                              | <b>6.0 million</b>   | <b>12.8 million</b>  | <b>8.5 million</b>  |
| <b>Percent of Population Living in the Watershed</b> | <b>99%</b>   | <b>30%</b>   | <b>80%</b>  |
| <b>Percent of State in the Watershed</b>             | <b>94%</b>   | <b>50%</b>   | <b>54%</b>  |

SOURCE: CHESAPEAKE LEGAL ALLIANCE / UPDATED APRIL 2021



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