

SENATE BILL 782

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By: **Senators Conway, Jones, McFadden, and Pugh**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners – Partially Elected Board**
3 **– Straw Ballot**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that a question be placed on the ballot in Baltimore City
5 at the November general election of 2007 to determine the sense of the voters of
6 Baltimore City on the issue of whether the Baltimore City Board of School
7 Commissioners should be changed from a system of members appointed jointly
8 by the Mayor of Baltimore City and the Governor to a mixed system composed
9 of some members who are appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City and the
10 Governor and some members who are elected by the voters of Baltimore City;
11 providing for the carrying out of the straw ballot; and generally relating to the
12 holding of a straw ballot in Baltimore City.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That under the provisions of the Election Law Article, the Baltimore
15 City Board of Elections, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, shall
16 prepare and include on the ballot for the November general election of 2007 the
17 following question:

18 “Do you favor changing the method of selection of the members of the Baltimore
19 City Board of School Commissioners from the current method of having all of the
20 members (except for the student member) appointed jointly by the Mayor of Baltimore
21 City and the Governor to a mixed method of having some of the members jointly
22 appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City and the Governor and some of the members
23 elected by the voters of Baltimore City?”

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Baltimore City Board
2 of Elections and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall do those things
3 necessary and proper to place this question on the ballot prepared for the November
4 general election of 2007, so that each participating voter in Baltimore City may have
5 the opportunity to cast a vote on the question. The question shall be proposed,
6 presented, tallied, and reported in general accordance with the provisions of the
7 Election Law Article. The vote on this question is advisory only.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 June 1, 2007.