

# SENATE BILL 782

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

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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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           “Do you favor changing the method of selection of the members of the Baltimore  
 2 City Board of School Commissioners from the current method of having all of the  
 3 members (except for the student member) appointed jointly by the Mayor of Baltimore  
 4 City and the Governor to a mixed method of having some of the members jointly  
 5 appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City and the Governor and some of the members  
 6 elected by the voters of Baltimore City?”

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.