

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 635

(Senator Pipkin)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

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**Kent County Board of Education - Members - Terms and Vacancies**

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This bill shortens the terms of the members of the Kent County Board of Education from six years to four years and provides for continued staggering of members' terms. In addition, the bill requires the county commissioners to appoint a qualified individual to fill any vacancy on the board. Members of the Kent County Board of Education who hold office on July 1, 2010, remain in office until successors are elected and qualify.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2010.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Kent County finances are not affected by the changes.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Kent County Board of Education consists of five members who serve staggered six-year terms and are elected from the county at large. A vacancy occurring before the filing deadline for candidates held in the fourth year of the term of a member must be filled by election at the next following general election. The Governor must appoint a qualified individual to fill a vacancy occurring after that period or until a vacancy is filled by election.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 1175 (Kent County Delegation) - Ways and Means.

**Information Source(s):** Kent County, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Department of Legislative Services

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