Chapter 10

(Senate Bill 55)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Assessment Appeal Boards - Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the number of alternate members of the property tax assessment appeal boards for certain counties and Baltimore City; and generally relating to the membership of property tax assessment appeal boards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 3-103(a) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article - Tax - Property

3-103.

- (a) (1) (I) [Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, EACH board consists of 3 regular members and 1 alternate member.
- (II) IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, EACH BOARD CONSISTS OF 3 REGULAR MEMBERS AND 3 ALTERNATE MEMBERS.
- (2) The Governor shall appoint the members from a list of names submitted as follows:
 - (i) for Baltimore City, by the Mayor of Baltimore City; or
 - (ii) for a county other than Baltimore City, by:
- 1. the county commissioners or the county council of the county; or

- 2. if the county charter provides for a county executive, by the county executive with the approval of the county council.
- (3) The number of names on each list shall be 3 times the number of vacancies.
- (4) Each list shall be submitted at least 3 months before the end of a term.
- (c) (1) The term of a member is 5 years. The term ends on June 1 of the appropriate year.
- (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the board on July 1, 1985.
- (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- (5) [The] AN alternate member fills a vacancy of a regular member until the vacancy is permanently filled. However, if [the] AN alternate member is appointed by the Governor as the regular member, the Governor shall appoint a new alternate member.
- (6) The board chairman or the Administrator may ask [the] AN alternate member to serve on the board during the temporary absence of a regular member. However, [the] AN alternate may not serve on the board when the 3 regular members are present.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.