

HOUSE BILL 16

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Smigiel**

Requested: October 17, 2013

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2014

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Board of Elections – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the number of regular members of the Cecil County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the local board to be of certain political parties; requiring that a vacancy on the local board be filled in a certain manner; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the membership of the Cecil County Board of Elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 2–201(l)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

2–201.

(1) (1) In Allegany County, Baltimore City, Caroline County, **CECIL COUNTY**, Charles County, Frederick County, Harford County, Somerset County, Washington County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County, the local board consists of five regular members.

(2) Three regular members shall be of the majority party, and two regular members shall be of the principal minority party.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(3) (i) If a vacancy occurs on the local board, the Governor shall appoint an eligible person from the same political party as the predecessor member to fill the vacancy in accordance with subsection (g) of this section for the remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(ii) An appointment made while the Senate of Maryland is not in session shall be considered temporary until the appointee is confirmed by the Senate.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2015.