

HOUSE BILL 560

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By: **Delegates A. Johnson and S. Johnson**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County Board of Education – Appointed Members – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of appointed members on the Harford County
4 Board of Education; prohibiting appointed members on the county board from
5 holding certain positions on the county board; and generally relating to the Harford
6 County Board of Education.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 3–6A–01(a) and (c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Education
14 Section 3–6A–01(b), (d), (e), and (f) and 3–6A–03
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 3–6A–01.

21 (a) (1) In this subtitle, “elected member” means a voting member elected under
22 subsection (d) or (e) of this section or a member appointed to an elected position on the
23 Harford County Board of Education under subsection (f)(1) of this section.

24 (2) “Elected member” does not include a:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) County superintendent of schools serving as an ex officio member
2 of the county board; or

3 (ii) Student member selected under subsection (g) of this section.

4 (b) The county board consists of:

5 (1) Six elected members;

6 (2) **[Three] ONE** appointed **[members] MEMBER**;

7 (3) The county superintendent of schools, who is an ex officio nonvoting
8 member; and

9 (4) One student member.

10 (c) (1) (i) A member from a councilmanic district shall be a resident of that
11 district.

12 (ii) A member from a councilmanic district who no longer resides in
13 that district may not continue as a member of the county board.

14 (2) A member of the county board shall be a registered voter of the county
15 for at least 3 years prior to the date of the beginning of the term of office of the member.

16 (d) (1) Of the **[nine] SEVEN** voting members of the county board elected or
17 appointed under this subsection:

18 (i) One member shall be elected from each of the six councilmanic
19 districts only by the voters of that councilmanic district; and

20 (ii) **[Three members] ONE MEMBER** shall be appointed by the
21 County Executive, subject to the advice and consent of the County Council, by a vote of at
22 least five members of the County Council.

23 (2) The elected members shall be elected at a general election as required
24 by subsection (e) of this section.

25 (3) (i) The appointed **[members] MEMBER** shall be appointed, when
26 appropriate, within 90 days of the general election.

27 (ii) In appointing **[members] A MEMBER** to the county board, the
28 County Executive shall ensure, to the extent practicable, that the total makeup of the
29 county board reflects the gender, ethnic, and racial diversity of the county.

1 (e) (1) An elected member serves for a term of 4 years beginning on the first
2 Monday in December after the election of the member and until a successor is elected and
3 qualifies.

4 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, [an] **THE**
5 appointed member serves for a term of 4 years beginning July 1 after the appointment of
6 the member and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

7 (3) The members appointed under subsection (d)(1)(ii) of this section within
8 90 days of the general election in 2022 shall serve for a term of 2 years and until a successor
9 is appointed and qualifies.

10 (4) (i) Unless otherwise disqualified under this section, a member of the
11 county board is eligible for reelection or reappointment.

12 (ii) A voting elected member or an appointed member may not serve
13 for more than two consecutive terms as a voting member.

14 (5) The Harford County Board of Elections may adopt regulations to
15 implement this subsection.

16 (f) (1) The Harford County Council shall appoint a qualified individual to fill
17 any vacancy of an elected member on the county board for the remainder of the term and
18 until a successor is elected and qualifies.

19 (2) (i) The County Executive shall appoint a qualified individual to fill
20 [any] A vacancy of [an] **THE** appointed member of the county board for the remainder of
21 the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

22 (ii) An appointment made in accordance with this paragraph is
23 subject to the advice and consent of the County Council by a vote of at least five members
24 of the County Council.

25 3-6A-03.

26 (a) **[The] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE** county board
27 shall elect a president and vice president from among the voting county board members.

28 (b) The county board shall elect a president and vice president at its first meeting
29 in July as required to implement the provisions of this section.

30 (c) The president and vice president shall serve a term of 2 years.

31 (d) If there is a vacancy in the office of president or vice president, the county
32 board shall fill the vacancy within 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

1 **(E) THE APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT HOLD THE**
2 **FOLLOWING POSITIONS ON THE COUNTY BOARD:**

3 **(1) PRESIDENT;**

4 **(2) VICE PRESIDENT;**

5 **(3) SECRETARY; OR**

6 **(4) TREASURER.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, of the three appointed
8 members of the Harford County Board of Education who are serving on the effective date
9 of this Act:

10 (1) the terms of two of the members shall terminate June 30, 2025; and

11 (2) the term of the remaining member shall expire on June 30, 2025, and
12 the member appointed by the Harford County Executive, subject to the advice and consent
13 of the Harford County Council, shall succeed the appointed member and serve for a term
14 of 4 years beginning July 1, 2025, until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
16 1, 2024.