

SENATE BILL 40

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EMERGENCY BILL
(PRE-FILED)

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CF HB 41

By: Senator Sydnor

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County Board of Education – Alterations of Elected Member Districts**
3 **and Establishment of Redistricting Process**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain members of the Baltimore County Board of Education
5 to be elected in a certain manner from certain districts in certain elections; requiring
6 the chair of the Baltimore County delegation to the General Assembly to introduce
7 legislation to reapportion certain school board districts in a certain manner after
8 each decennial census of the United States; and generally relating to elected member
9 districts for the Baltimore County Board of Education.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article – Education

12 Section 3–2B–01

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Education

17 Section 3–2B–11

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Education**

23 3–2B–01.

24 (a) The Baltimore County Board of Education consists of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- (1) Seven nonpartisan elected members;
- (2) Four appointed members; and
- (3) One student member.

(b) (1) Of the 11 elected and appointed members of the county board:

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(i) 1. [One] BEFORE THE 2034 GENERAL ELECTION, ONE elected from each of the seven councilmanic districts in the county, County Council of Baltimore County IN EXISTENCE ON OCTOBER 1, of that district; and

2. BEGINNING WITH THE 2034 GENERAL ELECTION, ONE
CTED FROM EACH OF THE SEVEN SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS
REDISTRICTING PROCESS DESCRIBED IN § 3-2B-11 OF THIS
ERS OF THAT DISTRICT; AND

(ii) Four members shall be appointed by the Governor from the

2. Within the 30-day period otherwise required under this

24 (3) (i) A member from a school board district shall be at least 21 years
25 old, a resident of that district for at least 2 years, and a registered voter of the county before
26 the election.

(4) (i) A member may not be elected or appointed to serve on the county board for more than three consecutive terms.

6 (5) During an election year:

9 (ii) An individual who files a certificate of candidacy for election to
10 the county board may not seek appointment to the county board by the Governor through
11 nomination by the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission.

12 3-2B-11.

16 (B) (1) BEGINNING AFTER THE 2030 U.S. CENSUS, THE SCHOOL BOARD
17 DISTRICTS SHALL BE:

18 (I) REAPPORTIONED AFTER EACH DECAENNIAL CENSUS OF THE
19 UNITED STATES; AND

20 (II) EFFECTIVE FOR EACH GENERAL ELECTION WHERE A
21 MEMBER WILL BE ELECTED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DECENTNIAL CENSUS.

22 (2) THE REAPPORTIONED SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS UNDER THIS
23 SECTION SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL IN POPULATION.

24 (C) AFTER EACH DECENTNIAL CENSUS, THE CHAIR OF THE BALTIMORE
25 COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL INTRODUCE
26 LEGISLATION TO REAPPORTION THE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
28 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
29 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
30 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
31 enacted.