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House Bill 1140
Ways and Means

(Baltimore County Delegation)

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Baltimore County Board of Education - Membership - Alterations

This bill increases the number of nonpartisan elected members of the Baltimore County Board of Education from seven to nine and decreases the number of appointed members from four to two starting with the 2030 general election. One member must be elected from each of the nine councilmanic districts in the county by the voters of that district and two members must be appointed by the Governor from the county at large. The nine elected members must be elected in a general election in years in which a gubernatorial election is held, and the two appointed members must be appointed by the Governor in years in which a presidential election is held. Of the four members appointed to the county board in 2028, the terms of two members will terminate in 2030.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill only affects Baltimore County Public Schools.

Local Effect: None. The bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on Baltimore County Public Schools.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Baltimore County Board of Education consists of 7 nonpartisan elected members and 4 appointed members serving four-year terms, as well as 1 student member. Of the 11 elected and appointed members of the county board, 1 member must be elected from each of the seven councilmanic districts in the county, and 4 members must be appointed by the Governor from the county at large. The 7 elected members must be elected

in a general election in years in which a gubernatorial election is held, and the 4 appointed members must be appointed by the Governor in years in which a presidential election is held. The Governor must choose appointed members from a list of nominees submitted by the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission.

A member who has served three consecutive four-year terms cannot be elected or appointed to the county board until at least four years have elapsed since the end of the member's last term on the county board. During an election year, the Governor may not appoint to the county board an individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy for election to the board, nor can the individual seek appointment.

Additional Comments: In September 2025, the Baltimore County Council approved new council district maps that increased the number of councilmanic districts by two to make a total of nine districts. These councilmanic district boundaries will be effective for the 2026 county council elections.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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