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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Boards of Social Services - Election of Member to Public Office**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a provision of law related to local boards of social services to  
4 provide that the election of a member of a board to political offices shall be  
5 considered the member's resignation from the local board; making technical  
6 changes; and generally relating to local boards of social services.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article 88A - Social Services Administration  
9 Section 14(a)(1)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1995 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article 88A - Social Services Administration  
14 Section 14(d) and (e)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1995 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article 88A - Social Services Administration**

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21 (a) (1) The local department in each county shall have a board, appointed as  
22 hereinafter provided and herein referred to as the local board. The local board shall be  
23 composed of eight members until June 30, 1968 and of nine members thereafter. The  
24 members shall receive no salary for their services, but their reasonable expenses incurred  
25 in attending meetings or performing other official duties shall be paid. Each local board  
26 shall select its own chairman on July 1st of each year.

27 (d) Any member of any of the local boards who shall fail to attend at least fifty  
28 percent of its meetings during any period of twelve consecutive months may be considered  
29 to have resigned, and the chairman of the board shall, in [his] THE CHAIRMAN'S  
30 discretion, declare that a vacancy exists and proceed to have it filled by appointment for

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1 the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided in [the foregoing]  
2 subsection (c) OF THIS SECTION.

3 (e) If any member of any of the local boards, except the ex officio member serving  
4 thereon under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, [becomes a candidate for]  
5 IS ELECTED TO political office, or accepts public office by election or appointment during  
6 [his] THE MEMBER'S tenure of office on the local board, such candidacy for or  
7 acceptance of public office shall be considered as [his] THE MEMBER'S resignation as a  
8 member of the local board, and the chairman of the local board shall declare that a  
9 vacancy exists on the local board and proceed to have it filled by appointment for the  
10 remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided in [the foregoing] subsection  
11 (c) OF THIS SECTION.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 1996.