

By: Prince George's County Delegation

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - School Board Vacancies - Special Elections**
3 **PG 438-97**4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain vacancies on the Prince George's County Board of
5 Education to be filled by special election; requiring the candidate who receives the
6 greatest number of votes to take office on a certain date; providing for a certain
7 individual to fill the vacancy if no qualified individual files as a candidate; and
8 generally relating to the Prince George's County Board.9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 3-1002(a) and (d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume)14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Education
16 Section 3-1002(g)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1997 Replacement Volume)19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:21 **Article - Education**

22 3-1002.

23 (a) In this subtitle, "elected member" means one of the nine elected members of
24 the Prince George's County Board or a member appointed to fill a vacancy of one of these
25 nine members.

26 (d) Members of the Prince George's County Board shall be elected:

27 (1) At the general election every 2 years as required by subsection (g) of this
28 section; and

(2) By the registered voters of his school board district.

2 (g) (1) Each elected member serves for a term of 4 years beginning on the first
3 Monday in December after his election and until his successor is elected and qualifies.
4 The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms of the members serving on
5 the County Board as of July 1, 1978.

(2) The student member serves for a term of 1 year beginning at the end of a school year.

13 (4) (I) IF A VACANCY ON THE COUNTY BOARD OCCURS AT LEAST 7
14 DAYS BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE PRIMARY
15 ELECTION THAT IS HELD IN THE SECOND YEAR OF THE TERM, THE INDIVIDUAL
16 APPOINTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL SERVE ONLY UNTIL
17 A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED BY THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD AT
18 THE TIME OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

19 (II) THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVES THE GREATEST NUMBER OF
20 VOTES IN THE ELECTION SHALL TAKE OFFICE ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER
21 AFTER THE ELECTION, AND SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINING 2
22 YEARS OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.

23 (III) IF NO INDIVIDUAL FILES AS A CANDIDATE TO FILL THE
24 VACANCY OR IF NO INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIES, THE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO FILL
25 THE VACANCY BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS
26 SUBSECTION SHALL SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM TO WHICH THE
27 INDIVIDUAL WAS APPOINTED AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 1997.