
By: Prince George's County Delegation

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CHAPTER ____

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; providing~~
8 ~~that an individual appointed by the County Executive of Prince George's County to~~
9 ~~fill a vacancy on the Prince George's County Board of Education serves until a~~
10 ~~successor is elected at the next congressional election; and generally relating to the~~
11 Prince George's County Board.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article - Education

14 Section 3-1002(a) and (d)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (1997 Replacement Volume)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article - Education

19 Section 3-1002(g)

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (1997 Replacement Volume)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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1 **Article - Education**

2 3-1002.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (3) ~~{Subject} EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS~~
17 ~~SUBSECTION AND SUBJECT~~ to the confirmation of the County Council, the County
18 Executive of Prince George's County shall appoint a qualified individual to fill any
19 vacancy on the County Board ~~for the remainder of that term and~~ until a successor is
20 elected and qualifies AT THE NEXT CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION.

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

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

31 ~~(III) IF NO INDIVIDUAL FILES AS A CANDIDATE TO FILL THE~~
32 ~~VACANCY OR IF NO INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIES, THE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO FILL~~
33 ~~THE VACANCY BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS~~
34 ~~SUBSECTION SHALL SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM TO WHICH THE~~
35 ~~INDIVIDUAL WAS APPOINTED AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.~~

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

