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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1334
Ways and Means

(Allegany County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Allegany County Board of Education - Membership - Qualifications

This bill alters the length of time that an individual nominated for membership as an elected member of the Allegany County Board of Education must be a resident of the county from three years to one year.

The bill is effective July 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect local government finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There are five members of the Allegany County Board of Education. Each member serves a four-year term and is elected from the county at-large.

Background: Twelve counties currently elect members of local boards of education and 10 counties and Baltimore City have boards comprised of appointed members. The Worcester County Board of Education is in the process of changing from an appointed board to an elected board, which will be complete following the 2004 general election. **Exhibit 1** shows the method of selecting school board members in each local jurisdiction.

A referendum to change the Cecil County Board of Education to an elected board will be on the 2004 general election ballot. The Dorchester County and Prince George's County Boards of Education will revert to elected members following the 2006 general election.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Allegany County, Department of Legislative Services

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Exhibit 1
Local Board of Education Membership

| <u>County</u> | <u>Full Voting Members</u> | <u>Elected Members</u> | | | <u>Student Member(s)</u> | <u>Years of Terms</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | <u>Appointed Members</u> | <u>County at Large</u> | <u>From Districts</u> | | |
| Allegany | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Anne Arundel | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Baltimore City | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Baltimore | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Calvert | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Caroline | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Carroll | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Cecil ¹ | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Charles | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Dorchester ² | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Frederick | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Garrett | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Harford | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Howard | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Kent | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Montgomery | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Prince George's ³ | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Queen Anne's | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| St. Mary's | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Somerset | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Talbot | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Washington | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Wicomico | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Worcester ⁴ | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 |

¹ A referendum to change the Cecil County Board of Education to an elected board will be on the 2004 general election

² The Dorchester County Board of Education is changing from an appointed board to an elected board. The transition will begin at the 2004 general election and be complete following the 2006 general election.

³ In 2006 the Prince George's County Board of Education will revert to an elected board.

⁴ The Worcester County Board of Education is in the process of changing from an appointed board to an elected board. The process will be complete following the 2004 general election.

Source: Department of Legislative Services, November 2003
