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(Delegate Jones, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore County Board of Education - Appointment Process - Members

This bill establishes a School Board Nominating Convention in Baltimore County to recommend qualified candidates for appointment to the Baltimore County Board of Education. County school board members must be appointed by the Governor from lists of nominees submitted by the convention. For each nomination to the board, the convention must submit at least three nominees unless there are fewer than three applicants.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2005.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The School Board Nominating Convention could be established and operate with existing Baltimore County resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Governor appoints the members of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

Background: The Baltimore County Board of Education consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor and one student member. It is the largest local board of education in the State and is one of 10 appointed boards. The appointed boards are appointed by the Governor, with the exception of the Baltimore City board, which is

jointly appointed by the Governor and the Mayor, and the Prince George's County board, which is jointly appointed by the Governor and the County Executive. None of the boards are appointed through the process established in this bill.

In addition to the 10 appointed boards of education, 13 local boards are elected and the Dorchester County board is transitioning from an appointed board to an elected board. The selection process and number of board members for each local board of education are shown in **Exhibit 1**.

Exhibit 1
Local Boards of Education
Selection Process and Number of Members

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

*The Cecil County board will begin transitioning to an elected board at the 2006 general election.

**The Prince George's County board will revert to an elected board following the 2006 general election.

The appointed members of the Baltimore County Board of Education serve staggered five-year terms. The terms of two board members are due to expire in June 2005. The number of members whose terms are due to expire in each of the next five years is shown below.

<u>Expiration of Term</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>
June 2005	2
June 2006	2
June 2007	1
June 2008	2
June 2009	4

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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