
By: **Washington County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Electoral Process for Members Serving on the**
3 **Washington County Board of Education**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Electoral Process for
5 Members Serving on the Washington County Board of Education; specifying the
6 membership of the Task Force; specifying the duties of the Task Force; providing
7 for the staffing of the Task Force; providing that members of the Task Force may
8 receive reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to hold a
9 certain number of public hearings; requiring the Task Force to issue a certain
10 report by a certain date to the Washington County Delegation and the
11 Washington County Board of County Commissioners; providing for the
12 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a Task
13 Force to Study the Electoral Process for Members Serving on the Washington
14 County Board of Education.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That:

17 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Electoral Process for Members Serving
18 on the Washington County Board of Education.

19 (b) The Task Force consists of the following 21 voting members:

20 (1) the President of the Washington County Board of County
21 Commissioners, or the President's designee;

22 (2) three members appointed by the President of the Washington County
23 Board of Education, including:

24 (i) the Superintendent of Washington County Public Schools; and

25 (ii) two members of the Washington County Board of Education or
26 the public;

27 (3) seven members of the Washington County Council of Parent Teacher
28 Associations appointed by the President of the Washington County Council of Parent

1 Teacher Associations, including one member from each of the seven feeder patterns
2 for geographic diversity throughout the county;

3 (4) seven members of the Washington County Citizen's Advisory Council
4 appointed by the Chairman of the Washington County Citizen's Advisory Council,
5 including one member from each of the seven feeder patterns for geographic diversity
6 throughout the county;

7 (5) one member of the Washington County Teachers' Association,
8 appointed by the President of the Washington County Teachers' Association;

9 (6) one member of the Washington County Educational Support
10 Personnel, appointed by the President of the Washington County Educational
11 Support Personnel; and

12 (7) one member of the Washington County Retired Teachers' Association,
13 appointed by the President of the Washington County Retired Teachers' Association.

14 (c) In addition to the 21 voting members under subsection (b) of this section,
15 the Task Force shall include one nonvoting student member appointed by the
16 President of the Washington County Association of Student Councils.

17 (d) The chair of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Washington County
18 Board of Education from among the 21 voting members serving on the Task Force.

19 (e) The Washington County Board of Education shall provide the staff for the
20 Task Force.

21 (f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on
22 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
23 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

24 (g) The responsibilities of the Task Force include:

25 (1) studying alternatives to the current election process for members
26 serving on the Washington County Board of Education, including election by
27 designated districts;

28 (2) analyzing other alternative electoral processes throughout the State
29 with regard to other boards of education, including any benefits and obstacles that
30 may be faced by both at-large and district elected boards;

31 (3) analyzing the impact of growth on the capital construction plan of the
32 Washington County Board of Education; and

33 (4) recommending options the Washington County Board of Education
34 may consider with regard to fairly and equitably distributing the proceeds of the
35 excise tax revenues and other capital resources throughout Washington County.

1 (h) (1) The Task Force shall hold at least three public hearings at which the
2 public shall have the opportunity to speak to the issues the Task Force is charged
3 with studying under subsection (g) of this section.

4 (2) At least 10 days before the public hearing provided for in paragraph
5 (1) of this subsection, the Task Force shall publish notice of the time and place of the
6 a public hearing with a summary of the issues the Task Force is charged with
7 studying, in at least one newspaper of general circulation in Washington County.

8 (i) The Task Force shall submit a final report of its findings and
9 recommendations to the Washington County Delegation and the Washington County
10 Board of County Commissioners on or before December 31, 2006.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
13 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
14 abrogated and of no further force and effect.