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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County Board of Education - Commencement of Member's Term**  
3 **of Office Following Election**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the date of the commencement of the term of office of a  
5 member of the Dorchester County Board of Education following the member's  
6 election; and generally relating to the commencement of the term of office of a  
7 member of the Dorchester County Board of Education.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 3-5A-01  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Education**

16 3-5A-01.

17 (a) The Dorchester County Board consists of:

18 (1) Five voting members, elected in accordance with subsection (b) of this  
19 section; and

1 (2) One nonvoting student member from each public high school in the  
2 county.

3 (b) (1) The elected members of the County Board shall be elected at the  
4 general election.

5 (2) One member shall be elected from each of the five councilmanic  
6 districts only by the voters of that councilmanic district.

7 (c) (1) A member elected from a councilmanic district shall be a resident of  
8 the district.

9 (2) A member elected or appointed from a councilmanic district who no  
10 longer resides in the district may not continue as a member of the County Board.

11 (d) (1) Each voting member serves for a term of 4 years beginning [on  
12 January 1] AT NOON ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER after the member's  
13 election and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

14 (2) A voting member may not serve for more than three consecutive  
15 terms.

16 (e) The terms of the voting members are staggered as follows:

17 (1) One member elected from each of the councilmanic districts 1, 3, and  
18 5 at the 2004 general election, and every 4 years thereafter; and

19 (2) One member elected from each of the councilmanic districts 2 and 4  
20 at the 2006 general election, and every 4 years thereafter.

21 (f) (1) The County Council shall appoint a new member to fill any vacancy  
22 on the County Board for the remainder of that term and until a successor is elected  
23 and qualifies.

24 (2) A resident of the district in which a vacancy exists may apply for  
25 appointment by the County Council to fill the vacancy.

26 (3) The County Council shall adopt rules governing the procedure  
27 through which an individual may apply to fill a vacancy on the County Board.

28 (g) (1) Each student member shall:

29 (i) Be a twelfth grade student in the Dorchester County public  
30 school system elected by the high school students of the public school that the student  
31 attends, in accordance with procedures established by the school system;

32 (ii) Serve for 1 year beginning on July 1 after the election of the  
33 member;

34 (iii) Be a nonvoting member; and

1 (iv) Advise the Board on the interests of students.

2 (2) Unless invited to attend by an affirmative vote of a majority of the  
3 County Board, the student members may not attend an executive session.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 2006.