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House Bill 1687
Ways and Means

(Delegate Eckardt)

Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs

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

This bill moves the start of a term for a voting member of the Dorchester County Board of Education from January 1 to the first Monday in December following the member's election.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Dorchester County Board of Education expenditures would decrease by approximately \$270 in FY 2007 due to the reduction in the number of board members one month early.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Voting members on the Dorchester County Board of Education serve four-year terms that begin January 1 after the member is elected. The board is currently in the process of transitioning from an appointed board to an elected board. There are three appointed members and three elected members. Two new members are scheduled to be elected in November to replace the three appointed members. There are also two student members, one from each of the county's two high schools.

Background: Chapter 163 of 2003 changed the Dorchester County Board of Education from a six-member appointed board to a five-member elected board. In order to stagger the terms of the five elected members, three were elected at the 2004 general election and two more will be elected at the 2006 general election.

Local Expenditures: Local board of education expenditures for board member compensation will decrease minimally in fiscal 2007, due to the change from a six-member board to a five-member board one month earlier than currently scheduled. The expenditure decrease is estimated at \$267, the cost of one month of compensation for one board member.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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