

# HOUSE BILL 179

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Board of Education – Nonvoting Student Member**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a nonvoting student member to the Frederick County  
4 Board of Education; requiring the student member to meet certain  
5 qualifications; specifying the term of the student member; requiring that the  
6 student member advise the County Board on certain matters; prohibiting the  
7 student member from attending an executive session of the Board; and  
8 generally relating to the Frederick County Board of Education.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Education  
11 Section 3–5B–01  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Education**  
17 3–5B–01.

18 (a) The Frederick County Board consists of **EIGHT MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:**

19 (1) [seven] **SEVEN** members elected from the county at large; **AND**

20 (2) **ONE NONVOTING STUDENT MEMBER.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) A candidate elected to the County Board shall be a resident and  
2 registered voter of Frederick County.

3 (2) Any member who no longer resides in the county may not continue  
4 as a member of the Board.

5 (c) (1) A **VOTING** member serves for a term of 4 years beginning the first  
6 Tuesday in December after the member's election and until a successor is elected and  
7 qualifies.

8 (2) [Members] **VOTING MEMBERS** of the Frederick County Board  
9 shall be elected as follows:

10 (i) Three members of the County Board shall be elected in the  
11 November general election of 2000 and every 4 years thereafter; and

12 (ii) Four members of the County Board shall be elected in the  
13 November general election of 2002 and every 4 years thereafter.

14 (d) (1) The terms of **VOTING** members are staggered as provided in  
15 subsection (c) of this section.

16 (2) The County Commissioners shall appoint a qualified individual to  
17 fill a vacancy on the County Board for the remainder of the term and until a successor  
18 is elected and qualifies.

19 **(E) (1) THE STUDENT MEMBER SHALL:**

20 **(I) BE AN ELEVENTH OR TWELFTH GRADE STUDENT IN THE**  
21 **FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ELECTED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL**  
22 **STUDENTS OF THE COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED**  
23 **BY THE SCHOOL SYSTEM;**

24 **(II) SERVE FOR 1 YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1 AFTER THE**  
25 **ELECTION OF THE MEMBER;**

26 **(III) BE A NONVOTING MEMBER; AND**

27 **(IV) ADVISE THE COUNTY BOARD ON THE THOUGHTS AND**  
28 **FEELINGS OF STUDENTS.**

1                   (2)    **UNLESS INVITED TO ATTEND BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A**  
2 **MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY BOARD, THE STUDENT MEMBER MAY NOT ATTEND**  
3 **AN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

4            [(e)](F)   (1)    The State Board may remove a **VOTING** member of the  
5 County Board for:

6                           (i)    Immorality;

7                           (ii)   Misconduct in office;

8                           (iii)  Incompetency; or

9                           (iv)   Willful neglect of duty.

10                   (2)    Before removing a **VOTING** member, the State Board shall send  
11 the member a copy of the charges against the member and give the member an  
12 opportunity within 10 days to request a hearing.

13                   (3)    If the **VOTING** member requests a hearing within the 10-day  
14 period:

15                           (i)    The State Board promptly shall hold a hearing, but a  
16 hearing may not be set within 10 days after the State Board sends the **VOTING**  
17 member a notice of the hearing; and

18                           (ii)   The **VOTING** member shall have an opportunity to be heard  
19 publicly before the State Board in the member's own defense, in person or by counsel.

20                   (4)    A **VOTING** member removed under this subsection has the right to  
21 a de novo review of the removal by the Circuit Court for Frederick County.

22            **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
23 **July 1, 2007.**