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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 192  
Ways and Means

(Delegate Krebs, *et al.*)

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State Board of Education Members - Qualification

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This bill requires at least two members of the State Board of Education to be the parents of students enrolled in public schools in Maryland at the time of their appointments. This requirement only applies to members appointed after the bill's October 1, 2008 effective date.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. Limiting the pool of eligible candidates for the State Board of Education would not impact State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The State Board of Education consists of 11 regular members and 1 student member with limited voting privileges. Members are appointed from the general public by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. In making appointments, the Governor must consider representation from all parts of the State and areas of the State with concentrations of population or unique needs. An individual who is subject to the authority of the board, the Governor, or the State Superintendent of Schools is not eligible for appointment to the board. Board members are not required to be parents of students enrolled in Maryland public schools.

**Background:** The State Board of Education sets broad policies and standards for primary and secondary education in Maryland. The board also decides controversies and disputes relating to education bylaws and may institute legal proceedings to enforce education laws and regulations.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Identical bills have been introduced in each of the last two years. HB 141 of 2006 and HB 160 of 2007 both received unfavorable reports from the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**Cross File:** None.

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