## **SENATE BILL 58**

G1 (PRE–FILED)

By: Senator Ellis

Requested: November 1, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

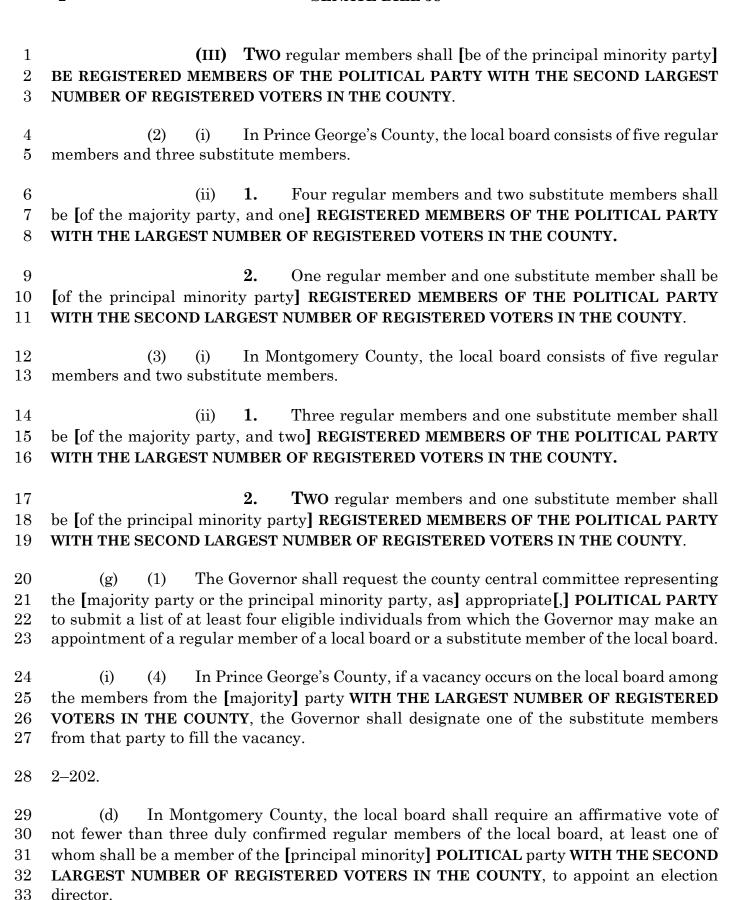
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- FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the local boards of elections to require that a majority of the members of the boards be registered members of the political party with the largest number of registered voters in the county, rather than being of the majority party, and the remainder of the members of the boards be registered members of the political party with the second largest number of registered voters in the county, rather than being of the principal minority party; making conforming changes; and generally relating to local boards of elections.
- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 11 Article Election Law
- 12 Section 2–201(b), (g)(1), and (i)(4), 2–202(d), and 11–301(g)
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## 17 Article – Election Law

- 18 2–201.
- 19 (b) (1) (i) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, 20 each local board consists of five regular members.
- 21 (ii) Three regular members shall [be of the majority party, and two]
- 22 BE REGISTERED MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL PARTY WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER
- 23 OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE COUNTY.





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- 2 (g) At least one member of the board of canvassers present shall be a registered
- 3 voter of the [principal minority] POLITICAL party WITH THE SECOND LARGEST NUMBER
  - OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE COUNTY.
- 5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 6 October 1, 2021.