

Chapter 571

(House Bill 692)

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Board of Education – Member Terms and Compensation

FOR the purpose of altering the number of terms a voting member of the Cecil County Board of Education may serve; requiring the County Council of Cecil County to set the amount of compensation for members of the county board; altering the minimum amount of compensation the president and other voting members of the county board are entitled to receive; providing that this Act does not apply to the compensation of the president or other voting members of the county board during a certain term of office; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the terms and compensation of the members of the Cecil County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 3–4A–01 and 3–4A–04

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

3–4A–01.

(a) The Cecil County Board consists of six members as follows:

(1) One voting member elected from each of the five commissioner districts;

and

(2) One nonvoting student member.

(b) The five voting members of the county board shall be elected at a general election as required by subsection (c) of this section.

(c) (1) A member from a county commissioner district shall be a resident of the district.

(2) A member from a county commissioner district who no longer resides in the district may not continue as a member of the county board.

(3) A candidate elected to the county board shall be a registered voter and

resident of Cecil County for at least 3 years.

(d) (1) Except as provided under subsection (e) of this section, each voting member serves for a term of 4 years beginning on the first Monday in December after the member's election and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

(2) A voting member may not serve for more than [two] **THREE** terms.

(3) The Governor shall appoint a new member to fill any vacancy on the county board for the remainder of that term and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

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

(1) Members of the county board from commissioner districts 3, 4, and 5 shall be elected at the 2006 general election and every 4 years thereafter; and

(2) Members of the county board from commissioner districts 1 and 2 shall be elected at the 2008 general election and every 4 years thereafter.

(f) (1) The student member shall:

(i) Be an eleventh or twelfth grade student in the Cecil County public school system elected by the high school students of the county in accordance with procedures established by the school system;

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

(iii) Be a nonvoting member; and

(iv) Advise the county board on the thoughts and feelings of students.

(2) Unless invited to attend by an affirmative vote of a majority of the county board, the student member may not attend an executive session.

3-4A-04.

(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION SET BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

[(a)] (B) (1) The president of the county board is entitled to receive A MINIMUM OF [\$4,000] \$5,500 annually [as compensation and the].

(2) THE other voting members OF THE COUNTY BOARD are entitled to receive A MINIMUM OF [\$3,500] \$5,000 each annually [as compensation].

[(b)] (C) The president of the county board and other members are entitled to reimbursement not to exceed \$1,000 a year for travel and other expenses.

[(c) The Cecil County Commissioners may increase the annual salary of the county board.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the president or other voting members of the Cecil County Board of Education while serving in a term of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the president and other voting members of the Cecil County Board of Education shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.