

HOUSE BILL 1140

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By: **Delegate Forbes**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County Board of Education – Membership – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Baltimore County Board of Education
4 to be composed of nine members elected from each of the nine councilmanic districts
5 of Baltimore County as they exist after a certain date and two appointed members
6 at large beginning with a certain election; and generally relating to the Baltimore
7 County Board of Education.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 3–2B–01
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 3–2B–01.

17 (a) **(1)** [The] **BEFORE THE 2030 GENERAL ELECTION, THE** Baltimore
18 County Board of Education consists of:

19 [(1)] **(I)** Seven nonpartisan elected members;

20 [(2)] **(II)** Four appointed members; and

21 [(3)] **(III)** One student member.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) BEGINNING WITH THE 2030 GENERAL ELECTION, THE**
2 **BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSISTS OF:**

3 **(I) NINE NONPARTISAN ELECTED MEMBERS;**

4 **(II) TWO APPOINTED MEMBERS; AND**

5 **(III) ONE STUDENT MEMBER.**

6 (b) (1) **(I) BEFORE THE 2030 GENERAL ELECTION, THE ELECTED AND**
7 **APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD ARE ELECTED AND APPOINTED IN**
8 **ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH.**

9 **(II) Of the 11 elected and appointed members of the county board:**

10 **[(i)] 1.** One member shall be elected from each of the seven
11 councilmanic districts in the county, established by the County Council of Baltimore
12 County, by the voters of that district; and

13 **[(ii)] 2.** Four members shall be appointed by the Governor from
14 the county at large.

15 **[(2) (i)] (III) 1.** The seven elected members shall be elected at a
16 general election in gubernatorial election years in accordance with § 3-2B-02 of this
17 subtitle.

18 **[(ii)] 2.** The four appointed members shall be appointed by the
19 Governor in presidential election years from a list of nominees submitted by the Baltimore
20 County School Board Nominating Commission as provided in § 3-2B-03 of this subtitle:

21 **[1.] A.** On the expiration of the term of an incumbent
22 appointed member within 30 days after the general election; or

23 **[2.] B.** Within the 30-day period otherwise required under
24 this subtitle.

25 **(2) (I) BEGINNING WITH THE 2030 GENERAL ELECTION, THE**
26 **ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD ARE ELECTED AND**
27 **APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH.**

28 **(II) OF THE 11 ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE**
29 **COUNTY BOARD:**

1 **1. ONE MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH OF THE**
2 **NINE COUNCILMANIC DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY BY THE VOTERS OF THAT DISTRICT;**
3 **AND**

4 **2. TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE**
5 **GOVERNOR FROM THE COUNTY AT LARGE.**

6 **(III) 1. THE NINE ELECTED MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED AT**
7 **A GENERAL ELECTION IN GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
8 **§ 3-2B-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

9 **2. THE TWO APPOINTED MEMBERS SHALL BE**
10 **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS FROM A LIST OF**
11 **NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING**
12 **COMMISSION AS PROVIDED IN § 3-2B-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE:**

13 **A. ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF AN INCUMBENT**
14 **APPOINTED MEMBER WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION; OR**

15 **B. WITHIN THE 30-DAY PERIOD OTHERWISE REQUIRED**
16 **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

17 (3) (i) A member from a [school board] COUNCILMANIC district shall
18 be at least 21 years old, a resident of that district for at least 2 years, and a registered voter
19 of the county before the election.

20 (ii) A member from a district who does not maintain residency in
21 that district may not continue as a member of the county board and the office shall be
22 deemed vacant.

23 (iii) If the boundary line of a district is changed, the term of an
24 incumbent member of the county board who no longer resides in the district because of the
25 change is not affected during this term.

26 (4) (i) A member may not be elected or appointed to serve on the county
27 board for more than three consecutive terms.

28 (ii) A member who has served three consecutive 4-year terms may
29 not be elected or appointed to the county board until at least 4 years have elapsed since the
30 end of the member's last term on the county board.

31 (5) During an election year:

32 (i) The Governor may not appoint as a member of the county board
33 an individual who files a certificate of candidacy for election to the county board; and

1 (ii) An individual who files a certificate of candidacy for election to
2 the county board may not seek appointment to the county board by the Governor through
3 nomination by the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That of the four members
5 appointed to the Baltimore County Board of Education in 2028:

6 (1) The terms of two members shall terminate in 2030; and

7 (2) The terms of two members shall terminate in 2032.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2026.