



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

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Testimony in Support of HB1075

Bill Title: County Boards of Education - Elections for Members Representing Specific Districts
- Alterations

Position: Favorable

Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to present HB1075, Calvert County Board of Education – Elections for Members Representing 2 Specific Districts – Alterations, this bill would mandate in-district voting for Board of Education races in exclusively in Calvert County, excluding at-large races.

From the day I was elected, residents from across Calvert County have consistently advocated for in-district voting in Board of Education elections. Residents from both the urban northern region and the rural southern communities have expressed the need for a more localized and representative electoral process for our school board. They believe that such a system would ensure that board members are directly accountable to the unique needs and priorities of their respective districts.

It's important to emphasize that this initiative exceeds political affiliations. The call for district-specific elections is not in favor of or in opposition to any political party. Instead, it shows our collective commitment to good governance and the democratic principle that every community deserves a voice in decisions affecting their local education system.

By aligning the election process with district-based representation, HB1075 promotes fairness and equity. It prevents county-wide majorities from overshadowing the distinct concerns of individual districts, ensuring that all communities, whether urban or rural, have equitable representation on the Board of Education as the needs of one district may not be the needs of another.

At a time when public trust in local governance is essential, this bill offers a commonsense solution that promotes greater accountability, civic engagement, and responsiveness to local concerns.

With that, I urge a favorable report on HB1075 to ensure that our Boards of Education elections reflect the principles of fairness, accountability, and proper representation, Thank you.