



# Montgomery County

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### Montgomery County Board of Elections – Membership MC 6-26

This bill converts the two substitute members of the Montgomery County Board of Elections (Board) to regular members. Under current State law, the Board consists of five regular members and two substitute members. Three of the regular members and one substitute member must be of the majority party and two of the regular members and one substitute member must be of the principal minority party. Under the Board's bylaws, substitute members are considered full Board members for almost all purposes except voting (e.g., part of full membership for determining a quorum, allowed to make and second motions, approval of bylaws). If a regular member is absent from a meeting, the substitute member of the same party must serve as the regular member for purposes of voting. The Board supports this bill and has stressed that substitute members were eliminated in all counties except Montgomery and Prince George's counties in 2017. Substitute members currently receive the same \$15,000 annual compensation as regular Board members (Board President and Board Secretary receive \$17,000 and \$16,000, respectively).

The County Executive and County Council support this bill and respectfully request a favorable report.