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**TESTIMONY ON HB#/0140- POSITION: FAVORABLE**

**County Boards of Education and Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners - Vacancy Procedures - Alterations**

**TO:** Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and members of the Ways and Means Committee  
**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0140, **County Boards of Education and Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners - Vacancy Procedures - Alterations**

This bill is an adjustment and clarification of procedures on replacement of members of Boards of Education and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners depending on when that vacancy occurs and any upcoming election date.

It will require each county board of education and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to hold an election for a vacant elected board member position that occurs 55 days or more before the candidate filing deadline for a certain election; requiring each county board and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to appoint a replacement for a vacant elected board member position that occurs 54 days or less before a certain candidate filing deadline for a certain election; etc.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#/0140.**