

HOUSE BILL 476

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By: ~~Delegates Ebersole and Forbes~~ **Baltimore County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Board of Education – Member Appointments and Terms and**
3 **Election of Officers**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the process for appointing certain members of the Baltimore
5 County Board of Education in a certain year; altering the term of ~~elected and~~
6 appointed members and the process for electing officers of the county board in a
7 certain year; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Board of Education.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 3–2B–01, 3–2B–04, and 3–2B–09(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 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) The Baltimore County Board of Education consists of:

18 (1) Seven nonpartisan elected members;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) Four appointed members; and

2 (3) One student member.

3 (b) (1) Of the 11 elected and appointed members of the county board:

4 (i) One member shall be elected from each of the seven councilmanic
5 districts in the county, established by the County Council of Baltimore County, by the
6 voters of that district; and

7 (ii) Four members shall be appointed by the Governor from the
8 county at large.

9 (2) (i) The seven elected members shall be elected at a general election
10 in accordance with § 3-2B-02 of this subtitle.

11 (ii) **[The] SUBJECT TO § ~~3-2B-04(A)(2)~~ 3-2B-04(A)(3) OF THIS**
12 **SUBTITLE, THE** four appointed members shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of
13 nominees submitted by the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission as
14 provided in § 3-2B-03 of this subtitle:

15 1. On the expiration of the term of an incumbent appointed
16 member within 30 days after the general election; or

17 2. Within the 30-day period otherwise required under this
18 subtitle.

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

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

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

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

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

33 (5) During an election year:

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

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

6 3-2B-04.

7 (a) **(1)** Except AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
8 AND EXCEPT for the student member, a member serves for a term of 4 years ~~beginning on~~
9 the first Monday in December after the member's election or appointment and ~~until a~~
10 successor is elected or appointed and qualifies.

11 **(2)** THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE
12 TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD ON JUNE 1, 2022.

13 ~~(2)~~ **(3)** **(I)** ~~THE~~ IN 2023, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT FOUR
14 MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY BOARD ON A DAY THAT IS AFTER THE DATE OF THE
15 GUBERNATORIAL INAUGURATION AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 THAT SAME YEAR.

16 **(II)** A MEMBER APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
17 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BEGIN THEIR TERM ON THE DATE
18 OF THE MEMBER'S APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.

19 ~~(III) A MEMBER ELECTED TO THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BEGIN~~
20 ~~THEIR TERM ON THE DATE THAT MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH~~
21 ~~THIS PARAGRAPH.~~

22 (b) (1) An individual who takes office to fill a vacancy for an elected or
23 appointed member serves for the remainder of the term for which the appointment was
24 made and until a successor is elected or appointed and qualifies.

25 (2) [The] **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION ~~(A)(2)~~ (A)(3)** OF THIS SECTION,
26 **THE** Governor shall act within 30 days to make any appointment to the county board.

27 3-2B-09.

28 (a) **(1)** [At] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
29 **SUBSECTION,** AT the first meeting of the county board in December of each year, the
30 county board shall elect a chair and vice chair from among the members.

31 **(2)** ~~IN A GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION YEAR~~ **2023,** THE COUNTY BOARD
32 **SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS AT THE FIRST**

1 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD AFTER THE NEW TERM OF THE MEMBERS HAS
2 BEGUN.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the appointed
4 members of the Baltimore County Board of Education who are appointed in 2023 shall
5 expire at the end of December 1, 2024.

6 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 June 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.