

SENATE BILL 913

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By: **Senators Colburn and Pipkin**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2011

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County – Board of Elections – Membership and Compensation**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of regular members of the Caroline County
4 Board of Elections; requiring the members of the local board to be of certain
5 political parties; requiring a vacancy on the local board to be filled in a certain
6 manner; altering the amount of compensation for the president and other
7 regular members of the local board; making a stylistic change; and generally
8 relating to the membership and compensation of the Caroline County Board of
9 Elections.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

11 Article – Election Law

12 Section 2–201(a) and (b)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2010 Replacement Volume)

15 (As enacted by Chapter 344 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article – Election Law

18 Section 2–201(l) and 2–204(a)(6)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2010 Replacement Volume)

21 (As enacted by Chapter 344 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010)

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

24 **Article – Election Law**

25 2–201.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) There is a county board of elections in each county of the State.

2 (2) Each local board and its staff is subject to the direction and
3 authority of the State Board and is accountable to the State Board for its actions in all
4 matters regarding the implementation of the requirements of this article and any
5 applicable federal law.

6 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsections (j), (k), and (l) of this section,
7 each local board consists of three regular members and two substitute members.

8 (2) Two regular members and one substitute member shall be of the
9 majority party, and one regular member and one substitute member shall be of the
10 principal minority party.

11 (3) Except as provided in subsection (l) of this section, in the event of
12 the absence of a regular member or a vacancy in the office of a regular member, the
13 substitute member of the same political party shall exercise the powers and duties of a
14 regular member until the regular member returns or the vacancy is filled as
15 prescribed in subsection (h) of this section.

16 (l) (1) In **CAROLINE COUNTY, SOMERSET COUNTY**, Wicomico County,
17 **AND** Worcester County, [and Somerset County,] the local board consists of five regular
18 members.

19 (2) Three regular members shall be of the majority party, and two
20 regular members shall be of the principal minority party.

21 (3) (i) If a vacancy occurs on the local board, the Governor shall
22 appoint an eligible person from the same political party as the predecessor member to
23 fill the vacancy in accordance with subsection (g) of this section for the remainder of
24 the unexpired term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

25 (ii) An appointment made while the Senate of Maryland is not
26 in session shall be considered temporary until the appointee is confirmed by the
27 Senate.

28 2-204.

29 (a) Each regular member of a local board shall receive the salary and
30 reimbursement of expenses provided in the county budget, but in no event may the
31 annual compensation be less than the following amounts:

32 (6) in Caroline County, [\$2,750] **\$3,250** for the president, [\$2,500]
33 **\$3,000** for other regular members, and reimbursement for expenses incurred in the
34 performance of election duties in accordance with the Standard State Travel
35 Regulations;

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2011.