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By: Delegate McCaskill

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County Board of Education – Alterations of Elected Member Districts**
3 **and Establishment of Redistricting Process**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain members of the Baltimore County Board of Education
5 to be elected in a certain manner from certain districts in certain elections; requiring
6 the chair of the Baltimore County delegation to the General Assembly to introduce
7 legislation to reapportion certain school board districts in a certain manner after
8 each decennial census of the United States; and generally relating to elected member
9 districts for the Baltimore County Board of Education.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article – Education

12 Section 3–2B–01

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Education

17 Section 3–2B–11

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Education**

23 3–2B–01.

24 (a) The Baltimore County Board of Education consists of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (1) Seven nonpartisan elected members;
- 2 (2) Four appointed members; and
- 3 (3) One student member.

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

- 5 (i) **1. [One] BEFORE THE 2034 GENERAL ELECTION, ONE**
- 6 member shall be elected from each of the seven councilmanic districts in the county,
- 7 established by the County Council of Baltimore County **IN EXISTENCE ON OCTOBER 1,**
- 8 **2024**, by the voters of that district; and

9 **2. BEGINNING WITH THE 2034 GENERAL ELECTION, ONE**

10 **MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH OF THE SEVEN SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS**

11 **ESTABLISHED BY THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS DESCRIBED IN § 3-2B-11 OF THIS**

12 **SUBTITLE, BY THE VOTERS OF THAT DISTRICT; AND**

13 (ii) Four members shall be appointed by the Governor from the

14 county at large.

15 (ii) (i) The seven elected members shall be elected at a general election

16 in gubernatorial election years in accordance with § 3-2B-02 of this subtitle.

17 (ii) The four appointed members shall be appointed by the Governor

18 in presidential election years from a list of nominees submitted by the Baltimore County

19 School Board Nominating Commission as provided in § 3-2B-03 of this subtitle:

20 1. On the expiration of the term of an incumbent appointed

21 member within 30 days after the general election; or

22 2. Within the 30-day period otherwise required under this

23 subtitle.

24 (3) (i) A member from a school board district shall be at least 21 years

25 old, a resident of that district for at least 2 years, and a registered voter of the county before

26 the election.

27 (ii) A member from a district who does not maintain residency in

28 that district may not continue as a member of the county board and the office shall be

29 deemed vacant.

30 (iii) If the boundary line of a district is changed, the term of an

31 incumbent member of the county board who no longer resides in the district because of the

32 change is not affected during this term.

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

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

6 (5) During an election year:

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

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

12 **3-2B-11.**

13 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT" MEANS THE GEOGRAPHIC
14 AREA OF BALTIMORE COUNTY FROM WHICH AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE
15 BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IS ELECTED.**

16 **(B) (1) BEGINNING AFTER THE 2030 U.S. CENSUS, THE SCHOOL BOARD
17 DISTRICTS SHALL BE:**

18 **(I) REAPPORTIONED AFTER EACH DECAENNIAL CENSUS OF THE
19 UNITED STATES; AND**

20 **(II) EFFECTIVE FOR EACH GENERAL ELECTION WHERE A
21 MEMBER WILL BE ELECTED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DECAENNIAL CENSUS.**

22 **(2) THE REAPPORTIONED SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS UNDER THIS
23 SECTION SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL IN POPULATION.**

24 **(C) AFTER EACH DECAENNIAL CENSUS, THE CHAIR OF THE BALTIMORE
25 COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL INTRODUCE
26 LEGISLATION TO REAPPORTION THE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS.**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
28 1, 2026.