

HOUSE BILL 210

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By: **Delegate Ebersole**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2023

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Board of Education – Member Elections and Appointments**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the members of the Baltimore County Board of Education to
4 be elected or appointed to the Board in certain years; providing for the termination
5 of the terms of certain appointed members of the Board and the appointment of
6 certain members of the Board in a certain year; and generally relating to the
7 Baltimore County Board of Education and member elections and appointments.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 3–2B–01
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2022 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 3–2B–04
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 3–2B–01.

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

23 (1) Seven nonpartisan elected members;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION YEARS** in accordance with § 3-2B-02 of this subtitle.

11 (ii) The four appointed members shall be appointed by the Governor
12 **IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS** from a list of nominees submitted by the Baltimore
13 County School Board Nominating Commission as provided in § 3-2B-03 of this subtitle:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (5) During an election year:

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

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

3-2B-04.

(a) Except for the student member, a member serves for a term of 4 years beginning on the first Monday in December after the member's election or appointment and until a successor is elected or appointed and qualifies.

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

(2) The Governor shall act within 30 days to make any appointment to the county board.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The terms of the four appointed members of the Baltimore County Board of Education whose terms are scheduled to expire on December 1, 2026, shall terminate at the end of December 1, 2024.

(b) The Governor shall appoint four members to the Board in accordance with § 3-2B-01 of the Education Article in 2024, and the four appointed members shall serve for a term of 4 years beginning December 2, 2024, until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.