

# HOUSE BILL 991

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By: **Delegates Schuh and McConkey**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County Board of Education – Members – Increase and**  
3 **Selection**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of members of the Anne Arundel County  
5 Board of Education; requiring that certain members of the county board be  
6 elected at a certain election; providing for the residency, the terms of office, and  
7 the filling of a vacancy of certain members of the county board; authorizing the  
8 Anne Arundel County Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations; making  
9 certain conforming changes; and generally relating to the Anne Arundel County  
10 Board of Education.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 3–110 and 3–114  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 3–110.

20 (a) (1) The Anne Arundel County Board consists of [9 members who shall  
21 be appointed as follows]:

22 **(I) 8 APPOINTED MEMBERS;**

23 **(II) 2 ELECTED MEMBERS; AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(III) 1 STUDENT MEMBER.**

2                   **(2) OF THE 11 MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD:**

3                   (i)     **8 MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:**

4                             **1. 3 from the county at large; AND**

5                             **[(ii)] 2. 1 each from legislative districts 30, 31, 32, 33, and**  
6 that portion of legislative district 21 that lies within Anne Arundel County; **[and]**

7                             **(II) 2 MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THE COUNTY AT**  
8 **LARGE IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION OF 2014 AND EVERY 4 YEARS**  
9 **THEREAFTER; AND**

10                            (iii) 1 student member **SHALL BE SELECTED AS REQUIRED BY**  
11 **SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

12                            **[(2)] (3) (I) [Except for the student member, the] THE Governor**  
13 **shall appoint [a member] THE APPOINTED MEMBERS** of the county board from a list  
14 of nominees submitted by the School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel  
15 County as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

16                            **(II) AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL**  
17 **BE A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY.**

18                   (b) (1) (i) There is a School Board Nominating Commission of Anne  
19 Arundel County.

20                            (ii) The purpose of the Commission is to select nominees to be  
21 recommended to the Governor as qualified candidates for appointment to the Anne  
22 Arundel County Board of Education.

23                            (iii) The Commission shall hold at least two public hearings on  
24 the selection of nominees before recommending to the Governor nominees for  
25 appointment to the county board.

26                            (2) (i) The Commission consists of 11 members who shall be  
27 appointed in accordance with this paragraph.

28                            (ii) The Governor shall appoint five members, one from each  
29 legislative district that lies in whole or in part in Anne Arundel County.

30                            (iii) The County Executive of Anne Arundel County shall appoint  
31 one member from the county at large.

- 1 (iv) The following organizations shall each appoint one member:
- 2 1. The Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County;
- 3 2. The Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of  
4 Commerce;
- 5 3. The Anne Arundel County Council of Parent Teacher  
6 Associations;
- 7 4. The Anne Arundel County Community College Board  
8 of Trustees; and
- 9 5. The Association of Educational Leaders (AEL).

10 (3) (i) The Governor shall designate as chair of the Commission  
11 one of the five members appointed by the Governor under subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this  
12 section.

13 (ii) The term of the chair of the Commission is 4 years.

14 (iii) The Governor may reappoint the chair of the Commission for  
15 a second term.

16 (iv) The term of a member of the Commission is 4 years.

17 (4) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the  
18 Commission.

19 (5) Beginning January 1, 2008, for each nomination to the county  
20 board, the Commission shall submit to the Governor a list of nominees that contains:

21 (i) At least two names for each vacancy; or

22 (ii) If there are fewer than two applicants for a vacancy, the  
23 number of names that is equal to the number of applicants for the vacancy.

24 (c) (1) Following the initial appointment of [a] AN APPOINTED member  
25 of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education by the Governor, [a] AN APPOINTED  
26 member may continue to serve for the remainder of the APPOINTED member's first  
27 term subject to the approval or rejection of the registered voters of the county at the  
28 next general election.

29 (2) [A] AN APPOINTED member of the county board may serve for a  
30 second consecutive term subject to the approval of or rejection by the registered voters  
31 of the county at the next general election.

1           (3)   (i)    The approval or rejection of [a] AN APPOINTED member of  
2 the county board by the registered voters of the county provided for in subparagraph  
3 (ii) of this paragraph shall be a vote for the APPOINTED member's retention or  
4 removal.

5           (ii)   On receipt of the notice required under § 5-301(h) of the  
6 Election Law Article, the name of the APPOINTED member of the county board shall  
7 be placed on the appropriate ballot and shown, without opposition, and the voters  
8 shall vote for or against the APPOINTED member's retention as a member of the  
9 county board.

10          (4)    If the voters reject the retention of the APPOINTED member, or the  
11 vote is tied:

12           (i)    The position shall become vacant 10 days after certification  
13 of the election returns; and

14           (ii)   The APPOINTED member serves until a successor is  
15 appointed and qualifies.

16          **(D) (1) (I) AN ELECTED MEMBER SERVES FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS**  
17 **BEGINNING ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER AFTER THE MEMBER IS**  
18 **ELECTED AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.**

19           **(II) 1. UNLESS OTHERWISE DISQUALIFIED UNDER THIS**  
20 **SECTION, AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD IS ELIGIBLE FOR**  
21 **REELECTION.**

22                   **2. AN ELECTED MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE FOR MORE**  
23 **THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD.**

24           **(III) THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
25 **MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PARAGRAPH.**

26          **(2) THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT A**  
27 **QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL TO FILL ANY VACANCY OF AN ELECTED MEMBER ON THE**  
28 **COUNTY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS**  
29 **ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.**

30          **[(d)] (E) (1) The student member shall:**

31           (i)    Be a regularly enrolled senior year student of good character  
32 and in good standing in an Anne Arundel County public high school;

1 (ii) Be selected in the student's junior year by a method selected  
2 by the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils of Anne Arundel County;

3 (iii) 1. Serve a term of 1 year; and

4 2. Continue to serve after graduation and until a  
5 successor is appointed and qualifies.

6 (2) If a vacancy in the position of the student member occurs during  
7 the term of the student member, the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student  
8 Councils shall:

9 (i) Conduct a special election at its next general meeting; and

10 (ii) By utilizing the same method that it used to select the  
11 previous student member of the board, select another student member to fill the  
12 vacancy.

13 [(e)] (F) A board member who does not maintain the residency qualification  
14 shall be replaced as a member.

15 [(f)] (G) If the boundary line of a legislative district changes, an incumbent  
16 member of the county board who, because of the change, no longer resides in the  
17 legislative district from which the member was appointed may complete the term.

18 [(g)] (H) (1) The President of the Anne Arundel County Board of  
19 Education is entitled to receive \$8,000 annually as compensation and, except for the  
20 student member, the other board members are entitled to receive \$6,000 each  
21 annually as compensation.

22 (2) A student member who completes a full term on the board shall be  
23 granted a scholarship of \$6,000 to be applied toward the student's higher education  
24 costs.

25 3-114.

26 (a) In the following counties, the members of the county board shall be  
27 elected:

28 (1) Allegany;

29 (2) Calvert;

30 (3) Carroll;

31 (4) Cecil;

- 1 (5) Charles;  
2 (6) Dorchester;  
3 (7) Frederick;  
4 (8) Garrett;  
5 (9) Howard;  
6 (10) Kent;  
7 (11) Prince George's;  
8 (12) Montgomery;  
9 (13) Queen Anne's;  
10 (14) St. Mary's;  
11 (15) Somerset;  
12 (16) Talbot;  
13 (17) Washington; and  
14 (18) Worcester.

15 (b) (1) IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-110  
16 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE A  
17 COMBINATION OF MEMBERS WHO ARE ELECTED AND APPOINTED.

18 (2) In Caroline County, in accordance with Subtitle 3A of this title, the  
19 members of the county board shall be a combination of members who are elected and  
20 appointed.

21 [(c)] (3) In Harford County, in accordance with Subtitle 6A of this title, the  
22 members of the county board shall be a combination of members who are elected and  
23 appointed.

24 [(d)] (C) An individual subject to the authority of the county board may not  
25 serve as a member of the county board. At the time of filing a certificate of candidacy  
26 for election to a county board, a person shall certify to the local board of supervisors of  
27 election whether or not he is subject to the authority of the county board. The  
28 Governor shall not issue a commission of election to a person who has certified  
29 affirmatively and who is elected to a county board until the member-elect offers proof  
30 that he is no longer subject to the authority of the county board.

1           **[(e)] (D)**     The election of the county boards shall be held as provided in  
2     Subtitles 2 through 14 of this title and the Election Law Article.

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