

# HOUSE BILL 283

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By: **Delegate Reilly**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Board of Education – Terms of Appointed Members**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the appointed members of the Harford County Board of  
4 Education to be appointed within a certain period time of the general election  
5 beginning in a certain year; providing for the termination of the terms of certain  
6 appointed members of the county board; and generally relating to the terms of the  
7 appointed members of the Harford County Board of Education.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 3–6A–01(a) through (c) and (e)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Education

15 Section 3–6A–01(d)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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 3–6A–01.

22 (a) (1) In this subtitle, “elected member” means a voting member elected under  
23 subsection (d) or (e) of this section or a member appointed to an elected position on the  
24 Harford County Board of Education under subsection (f)(1) of this section.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) "Elected member" does not include a:

2 (i) County superintendent of schools serving as an ex officio member  
3 of the county board; or

4 (ii) Student member selected under subsection (g) of this section.

5 (b) The county board consists of:

6 (1) Six elected members;

7 (2) Three appointed members;

8 (3) The county superintendent of schools, who is an ex officio nonvoting  
9 member; and

10 (4) One student member.

11 (c) (1) (i) A member from a councilmanic district shall be a resident of that  
12 district.

13 (ii) A member from a councilmanic district who no longer resides in  
14 that district may not continue as a member of the county board.

15 (2) A member of the county board shall be a registered voter of the county  
16 for at least 3 years prior to the date of the beginning of the term of office of the member.

17 (d) (1) Of the nine voting members of the county board elected or appointed  
18 under this subsection:

19 (i) One member shall be elected from each of the six councilmanic  
20 districts only by the voters of that councilmanic district; and

21 (ii) Three members shall be appointed by the Governor.

22 (2) The elected members shall be elected at a general election as required  
23 by subsection (e) of this section.

24 (3) The appointed members shall be appointed, when appropriate, within  
25 90 days of the general election **BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER 2024**.

26 (e) (1) An elected member serves for a term of 4 years beginning on the first  
27 Monday in December after the election of the member and until a successor is elected and  
28 qualifies.

1                   (2)    An appointed member serves for a term of 4 years beginning July 1 after  
2 the appointment of the member and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

3                   (3)    (i)    Unless otherwise disqualified under this section, a member of the  
4 county board is eligible for reelection or reappointment.

5                               (ii)   A voting elected member or an appointed member may not serve  
6 for more than two consecutive terms as a voting member.

7                   (4)    The Harford County Board of Elections may adopt regulations to  
8 implement this subsection.

9                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the three  
10 appointed members of the Harford County Board of Education whose terms are scheduled  
11 to expire on June 30, 2023, shall terminate on June 30, 2025, and the members appointed  
12 by the Governor in 2024 shall succeed those appointed members and serve for a term of 4  
13 years until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

14                   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
15 1, 2021.