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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 1062 (Senator Kelley)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Education - Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission

This bill establishes the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission and provides for the selection of its 17 members. The purpose of the commission is to select nominees to be recommended to the Governor as qualified candidates for appointment to the Baltimore County Board of Education. Beginning January 1, 2015, for each nomination to the county board, the commission must submit a list of nominees that contains at least two names for each vacancy, unless there are less than two applicants for a vacancy. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the Governor must appoint a member to the county board from the list submitted by the commission. Following appointment to the county board, a member's continued service on the board is subject to voter approval at the next general election.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures for the State Board of Elections increase minimally beginning in FY 2017 to cover the creation of additional election ballot styles.

Local Effect: The Baltimore County Public School System can provide staff support for the commission using existing resources. Local election costs increase minimally beginning in FY 2017 to cover the local share of creating and disseminating additional election ballot styles.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: If the Governor elects not to appoint a member from a list submitted by the commission, the Governor must request that the commission submit the names of additional qualified candidates. If the voters of the county reject the retention of a member of the county board, or the vote is tied, the position becomes vacant 10 days after certification of the election returns and the member serves until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

A member of the commission serves for a four-year term. The Baltimore County Public School System must provide staff support for the commission.

Current Law: The Baltimore County Board of Education consists of 12 members appointed by the Governor: 1 member from each of the 7 councilmanic districts in the county, 4 from the county at-large, and 1 student member.

Members serve five-year terms, except the student member who serves a one-year term. With the approval of the Governor, the State Superintendent of Schools may remove a board member for immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, willful neglect of duty, or failure to attend board meetings. If any of the members vacates the position, the Governor appoints a replacement.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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