

# HOUSE BILL 864

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By: **Delegates Jacobs, Arentz, and Ghrist**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Kent County – Board of Elections – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of regular members of the Kent County Board of  
4 Elections; requiring the members of the local board to be of certain political parties;  
5 requiring that a vacancy on the local board be filled in a certain manner; making a  
6 conforming change; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating  
7 to the membership of the Kent County Board of Elections.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Election Law

10 Section 2–201(l)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

13 (As enacted by Chapter 102 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012 and Chapters

14 47 and 105 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014)

15 BY repealing

16 Article – Election Law

17 Section 2–204(b)(2)(ii)3.

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **Article – Election Law**

2 2–201.

3 (l) (1) In Allegany County, Baltimore City, Caroline County, Carroll County,  
 4 Cecil County, Charles County, Frederick County, Harford County, **KENT COUNTY**, Queen  
 5 Anne’s County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Washington County, Wicomico County,  
 6 and Worcester County, the local board consists of five regular members.

7 (2) Three regular members shall be of the majority party, and two regular  
 8 members shall be of the principal minority party.

9 (3) (i) If a vacancy occurs on the local board, the Governor shall appoint  
 10 an eligible person from the same political party as the predecessor member to fill the  
 11 vacancy in accordance with subsection (g) of this section for the remainder of the unexpired  
 12 term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

13 (ii) An appointment made while the Senate of Maryland is not in  
 14 session shall be considered temporary until the appointee is confirmed by the Senate.

15 2–204.

16 (b) (2) (ii) [3. In Kent County, a substitute member shall be paid at least  
 17 \$50 for each meeting that the substitute member attends.]

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
 19 1, 2015, the effective date of Chapter 102 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012 and  
 20 Chapters 47 and 105 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014. If the effective date of  
 21 Chapter 102 and Chapters 47 and 105 is amended, this Act shall take effect on the taking  
 22 effect of Chapter 102 and Chapters 47 and 105.

Approved:

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 Governor.

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 Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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 President of the Senate.