

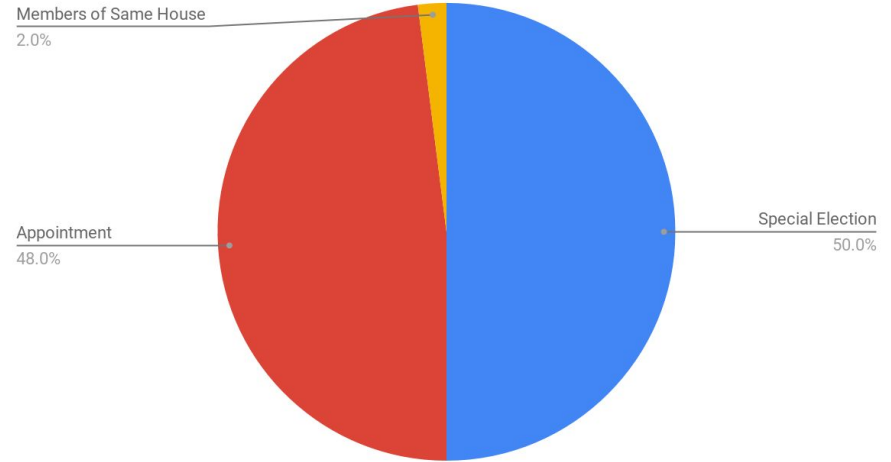
SB 06

General Assembly – Special Election to Fill a
Vacancy in Office

General Assembly Vacancies

- 25 states hold special elections in the event of legislative vacancies
 - Maryland is not one of them
- Vacancies filled by Central Committee

How States Fill Vacancies in the Legislature



SB 06 - Constitutional Amendment

- Vacancies occurring 55 days before filing deadline for regular statewide election
 - Governor convenes special election
 - Cost-savings while ensuring turnout
- Vacancies occurring after 55 days before filing deadline will complete term
 - Reduces time of unelected appointments



Consensus is Already Achieved

- US Senators from Maryland already filled in this fashion
- Bipartisan Support
 - Co-sponsor Senator Hough
- SB 10 passed unanimously in 2020
- Similar bill passed in 2016
 - Amended procedures to fill AG and Comptroller vacancies
 - Public approved referendum 72%

