

PTACHC Legislative Committee Report, January 2, 2017

This report contains information on 2 topics:

1. State Legislation that is being proposed for consideration during the upcoming January - April, 2017, State Legislative Session to change **how the Howard County Board of Education members are elected** provided by Donna Sudbrook, PTACHC Legislative Chair, and
2. County Legislation / Howard County Board of Education Hearing on Policy 6010, concerning APFO (**Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance**) provided by Brent Loveless, Forest Ridge Elem / Patuxent Valley Middle School.

State Legislation (3 bills) proposed to change how Howard County BOE members are elected.

Currently, 7 BOE members are chosen county wide. Legislation is proposed for the next State Legislative Session (January – April 2017). The public hearing for the bills proposed by Howard County State Delegates and State Senators was held on Dec 21, 2016. **For more information, go to <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/About-HoCo/State-Delegation>** (or go to website, select “About HoCo” at top of page, then select “State Delegation” on drop down box.). For contact info of Howard Cty State Senators and Delegates, select “State and Federal Representatives” on drop down box.

Howard County Board of Education – Elected School Board, Ho. Co. 11–17 By: Delegate Atterbeary

FOR the purpose of requiring that, beginning with a certain election, certain members of the Howard County Board of Education be elected by districts and certain members be elected at large; providing that a member elected to the county board from a certain geographic area but whose district boundaries are subsequently altered may remain as a member of the county board for a certain period; providing that in making an appointment to fill a vacancy on the county board the County Executive of Howard County shall endeavor to ensure that the county board reflects certain characteristics of the county population; providing for the termination of the terms of certain members of the county board; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the election of the members of the Howard County Board of Education.

Howard County Board of Education – Independent Redistricting Commission, Ho. Co. 12–17 By: Senator Bates

FOR the purpose of requiring that, beginning with a certain election, the members of the Howard County Board of Education be elected by districts; providing that a member elected to the county board from a certain geographic area but whose district boundaries are subsequently altered may remain as a member of the county board for a certain period; prohibiting a member of the county board from being a candidate for another elected public office while serving as a member of the county board; providing that in making an appointment to the county board the County Executive of Howard County shall endeavor to ensure that the county board reflects certain characteristics of the county population; establishing the Howard County Board of Education Redistricting Commission; providing for the membership of the Commission and the filling of a vacancy on the Commission; authorizing certain organizations to appoint certain members of the Commission; specifying certain qualifications and limitations concerning the members of the Commission; specifying certain standards and requirements to which the Commission must adhere when establishing districts for the election of the members of the county board; requiring the Commission to produce certain maps and reports, to hold certain hearings, and to allow for certain public participation and review during its proceedings; requiring the County Council of Howard County, the Howard County Public School System, and the Howard County Board of Elections to provide certain assistance to the Commission; requiring the Commission to establish the districts for the election of the members of the county board by a certain date; providing for the termination of the terms of certain members of the county board; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the election of the members of the Howard County Board of Education by districts.

Howard County – Elected School Board and Districting Commission, Ho. Co. 13–17 By: Delegate Flanagan

FOR the purpose of requiring that, beginning with a certain election, certain members of the Howard County Board of Education be elected by districts; providing that a member elected to the county board from a certain geographic area but whose district boundaries are subsequently altered may remain as a member of the county board for a certain period; providing for the termination of the terms of certain members of the county board; establishing an independent Board of Education Districting Commission to draw the districts for the election of the members of the county board; specifying the membership, qualifications, duties, and term of the Commission; requiring the County Executive of Howard County to conduct a certain lottery to choose the members of the Commission; specifying the conditions under which the lottery must be conducted; specifying the qualifications an individual must meet to be entered into the lottery; providing that a nonaffiliated voter is not required to meet a certain qualification; specifying that a member of the Commission is subject to certain public ethics laws and entitled to certain reimbursement; requiring the Commission to adopt rules and procedures to govern its activities; requiring the County Executive to provide funds in the county budget for the Commission; requiring the Howard County Office of Law to provide certain assistance to the Commission; providing for the application of this Act; submitting this Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection; defining certain terms; repealing obsolete provisions; and generally relating to the election of the members of the Howard County Board of Education.