

CHAPTER 95

(House Bill 961)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County - Board of Education - Election of Student Member

MC 711-97

FOR the purpose of altering a provision relating to the election of the student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education to allow all students in public middle and high schools in Montgomery County to vote for the student member; and providing for a delayed effective date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 3-901(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

3-901.

(e) (1) The student member shall be a bona fide resident of Montgomery County and a regularly enrolled junior or senior year student from a Montgomery County public high school.

(2) The nomination and election process shall be as agreed on by the County Board and the Montgomery County region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils. This agreement shall include a process by which to replace one or both of the final candidates if they are unable to proceed in the election. Any student enrolled in [grades 7 through 12] A MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL in the Montgomery County public schools may:

(i) Nominate a student member candidate;

(ii) Vote for delegates from the student's school, who in turn vote in a nominating convention to reduce to 2 the number of candidates for student Board member if there are 3 or more candidates; and

(iii) Vote directly for 1 of the 2 remaining student Board member candidates.

(3) The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes in the direct election shall become the alternate student member. The alternate shall serve if the student member is unable to complete his elected term.