

is six weeks before they would have the power to so act. I am at best uncomfortable with this suggestion.

I realize that this bill provides that the results of the straw poll would have no binding or legal effect, but I am concerned that the poll will exacerbate the conflict that seems to have arisen over whether the school board should be appointed or elected.

I agree with the opponents of the bill that conducting a straw poll without identifying the specifics of the proposal will not accurately reflect voter sentiment and may increase, rather than diminish differences. Because of this, and because of concerns raised by the Attorney General, I am vetoing House Bill 1036.

I am confident that a compromise can be reached on this issue, and I encourage all parties interested in education in Caroline County to work together during the interim. If all those who are interested in the issue discuss it sincerely and honestly, a mutually agreeable solution can be achieved.

For the above reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1036.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 1036

AN ACT concerning

**Caroline County Board of Education – Election of Members
– Straw Poll**

~~FOR the purpose of providing for the election of the members of the Caroline County Board of Education; establishing the number and qualifications of members of the Caroline County Board of Education; prohibiting a member of the Caroline County Board of Education from becoming a candidate for another elective office or holding another elective office; providing that the incumbent members of the Caroline County Board of Education serve out their terms and continue to hold office until their successors are elected at a certain date; providing for the staggering of terms of all members of the Caroline County Board of Education; providing for the appointment of a successor member by the Governor to fill a vacancy in office under certain circumstances; authorizing a member of the Caroline County Board of Education to serve for more than 2 consecutive terms; authorizing the State Board of Education to remove a member of the County Board under certain circumstances; requiring the County Board to elect a chairman from among its members at a certain meeting; requiring each member of the County Board to receive a certain annual amount for traveling and other expenses; requiring the County Board to meet at certain times and to conduct its business in a certain manner; authorizing the County Board to meet in executive session under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions of law; submitting this Act to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Caroline County; and generally relating~~