

HOUSE BILL 1297

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By: **Delegates Carter, Anderson, and Oaks**

Introduced and read first time: February 26, 2007

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners – Structure of Board – Straw**
3 **Ballot**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that a question be placed on the ballot in Baltimore City
5 at the November general election of 2007 to determine the sense of the voters in
6 Baltimore City on the issue of whether the Baltimore City Board of School
7 Commissioners should be changed from a system of members appointed jointly
8 by the Mayor of Baltimore City and the Governor to a mixed system of
9 members, some of whom are appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City, some of
10 whom are appointed by the Governor, and some of whom are elected by the
11 voters of Baltimore City; providing for the carrying out of this straw ballot; and
12 generally relating to the holding of a straw ballot at the next general election in
13 Baltimore City.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That under the provisions of the Election Law Article, the Baltimore
16 City Board of Elections, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, shall
17 prepare and include on the ballot for the November general election of 2007 the
18 following question:

19 “Do you favor changing the method of selection of the members of the Baltimore
20 City Board of School Commissioners from the current method of having all of the
21 members (except for the student member) appointed jointly by the Mayor of Baltimore
22 City and the Governor to a mixed method of having some of the members appointed by
23 the Mayor of Baltimore City, some of the members appointed by the Governor, and
24 some of the members elected by the voters of Baltimore City?”

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Baltimore City Board
2 of Elections and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall do those things
3 necessary and proper to place this question on the ballot prepared for the November
4 general election of 2007, so that each participating voter in the State may have the
5 opportunity to cast a vote "For" or "Against" on the question of changing the method of
6 selection of members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners. The
7 question shall be proposed, presented, tallied, and reported in general accordance with
8 the provisions of the Election Law Article. The vote on this question is advisory only.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 June 1, 2007.