

SEC. 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT JUNE 1, 1963.

Approved May 6, 1963.

CHAPTER 813

(House Bill 550)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 12 (b) through (f) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1962 Supplement), and to add a new subsection to ~~the following~~ FOLLOW immediately thereafter, a designated subsection (g), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 2. Formation of Boards," ~~subheading "Board for Montgomery County,"~~ subheading "Board for Montgomery County," providing generally for a primary election system for the County Board of Education of Montgomery County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 12 (b) through (f) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1962 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 2. Formation of Board," ~~subheading "Board for Montgomery County,"~~ BOARDS," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments; and to add a new subsection (g) to Section 12 of said Article to follow immediately after subsection (f), all to read as follows:

(b) *Nomination.* [by petition]—Nomination for membership on the County Board of Education of Montgomery County, *except as otherwise herein provided,* shall be by petition endorsed by a minimum of 200 voters for the nominee from each council district, respectively, and 500 voters of the County for the two nominees at-large, respectively. Each such petition shall be filed with the Board of Election Supervisors of Montgomery County [, sixty (60) days before the general election and] *not later than midnight on the Monday which is ten (10) weeks, or seventy (70) days, before the day on which the primary election for the political parties shall be held. Each such petition filed shall be accompanied by a \$25.00 filing fee.* [e] Except as otherwise in this section specified, *each such petition shall conform generally to the laws and requirements of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, provided, however, that publication of each such petition shall not be required.* [No person shall be certified as a candidate who is subject to the authority of the Board of Education. On the receipt of a valid nominating petition, said Board of Supervisors of Elections shall do such things as are necessary to provide for the election of the members of said Board of Education as in this section required, in conformity with the election laws contained in said Article 33, provided however, that all voting for County Board of Education members shall be conducted on a non-partisan basis, and on a general county-wide ticket; no designation of party affiliation shall be placed upon any petition for nomination, nor upon any voting machine or paper ballot used at any said election. The candidate or candidates receiving the highest number or numbers of votes cast for the office of member of the County Board of Education shall be declared elected.]