

*local governing authority shall designate which of its members shall so serve, and, in the event of a vacancy occurring, shall designate another of its members to serve as the ex officio member of the local board for the remainder of the unexpired term.*

*(c) The other members of the local board shall be appointed by the local governing authority from lists submitted by the State Department of Public Welfare, after approval by the State Board, which lists shall contain twice the number of persons to be selected. In formulating such lists, the State Department shall consult with the local governing authority and seek out and nominate persons with a high degree of interest, capacity and objectivity, and who in the aggregate give a county-wide representative character to the local board.*

*Effective July 1, 1967 members of the local board shall be appointed for three-year terms, to expire on June 30 of the respective years of expiration, or until their successors are appointed. Upon the expiration of two consecutive three-year terms the appointee shall be ineligible, for one year thereafter, for reappointment. On the effective date of this Act the six members of each local board who are serving six-year terms shall continue in office until June 30 of the respective years of expiration of their terms and they shall be ineligible, for one year thereafter, for reappointment. Effective July 1, 1967 a new member shall be added to each local board and effective July 1, 1968 another new member shall be added to each local board, each appointed for a three-year term as hereinabove provided. Any vacancy occurring for any reason during any six-year term or any three-year term, as the case may be, shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.*

*(d) Any member of any of the local boards who shall fail to attend at least fifty per cent of its meetings during any period of twelve consecutive months may be considered to have resigned, and the chairman of the board shall forward or cause to be forwarded to the State Department of Public Welfare the name of such member, with the statement of such non-attendance, and the State Board may thereupon, in its discretion, declare that a vacancy exists and proceed to have it filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided in the foregoing subsection (c).*

*(e) If any member of any of the local boards, except the ex officio member serving thereon under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, becomes a candidate for political office, or accepts public office by election or appointment during his tenure of office on the local board, such candidacy for or acceptance of public office shall be considered as his resignation as a member of the local board, and the chairman of the local board shall forward or cause to be forwarded to the State Department of Public Welfare the name of such member, with the statement of such candidacy for or acceptance of public office. The State Board shall thereupon declare that a vacancy exists on the local board and proceed to have it filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided in the foregoing subsection (c).*

*(f) Each of the local boards shall select its own chairman annually, on July 1. The provisions of this section apply in the twenty-three counties and not in Baltimore City.*