

SUBTITLE 5. LOCAL BOARDS.

3-501. IN GENERAL.

(A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.

(B) ESTABLISHMENT.

EACH LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE A LOCAL BOARD.

(C) COMPOSITION.

A LOCAL BOARD CONSISTS OF AT LEAST 9 BUT NO MORE THAN 13 MEMBERS AS PROVIDED BY LOCAL LAW ENACTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY.

(D) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.

(1) ON JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY SHALL DESIGNATE ONE MEMBER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY TO SERVE AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE LOCAL BOARD.

(2) (I) THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY.

(II) THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY SHALL SEEK OUT AND APPOINT INDIVIDUALS WHO:

1. HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST, CAPACITY, AND OBJECTIVITY; AND

2. IN THE AGGREGATE, GIVE A COUNTYWIDE REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER TO THE LOCAL BOARD.

(E) CHAIRMAN.

ON JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH LOCAL BOARD SHALL SELECT A CHAIRMAN.

(F) COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

A MEMBER OF A LOCAL BOARD:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(G) TENURE; VACANCIES.

(1) (I) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

2. IN CHARLES COUNTY, THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.