

General Laws, title "Public Education," sub-title "Formation of Boards," be and the same is hereby repealed so as to read as follows:

6. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, if in session, and without said advice and consent when not in session, shall appoint a Board of County School Commissioners for each county in this State, to be composed in the Counties of Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Dorchester and Washington, of six persons, and in each of the other counties of three persons, two of whom in the Counties of Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Dorchester and Washington, and one of whom in each of the other counties shall hold their office for the term of two years; two of whom in the Counties of Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Dorchester and Washington, and one in each of the other counties shall hold their office for the term of four years; and two of whom in the Counties of Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Dorchester and Washington, shall hold their office for the term of six years from the first Monday of May next succeeding their appointment and until their successors shall qualify. The Governor shall, at the time of making said appointments, designate the terms of years of each of the said commissioners when first appointed under this Act. The term of office of the said commissioners after the expiration of the term for which first appointed shall be a term of six years; said persons shall be men of high character, integrity and capacity. Two of said appointees for the Counties of Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Dorchester and Washington and one of said appointees for each of the other counties shall be selected and appointed by the Governor from the political party which at the last preceding election for Governor cast next to the highest number of votes in the State, so that said minority party shall always have proper representation upon each of said boards. The Governor may remove for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct any person so appointed by him as Commissioner of Public Schools, after giving due notice to such person of the charges made against him, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard in his own defense. In case of vacancy by death, removal from the county, removal from office by the Governor, resignation, or disqualification from any cause, the Governor shall fill such vacancy with an appointee from the same political party as that of the person whose position shall have become vacated.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 1, 1900.

Repeal and re-enact Public Education, sub-title, Formation of Boards.

Appointment of County School Commissioners and terms of office