

way subject to its authority. The State Superintendent of Schools, by and with the approval of the Governor, may remove any member of said board appointed under the provisions of this section for immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency or willful neglect of duty, giving to him a copy of the charges against him, and an opportunity of being publicly heard in person, or by counsel, in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. If any member of the said board shall be removed, the state superintendent of schools shall file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, if the member so requests, a complete statement of all charges made against such member, and his findings thereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings. Vacancies on said board for any cause shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term, and until a successor shall qualify. Any member of said board shall be eligible for reappointment, unless otherwise disqualified by the provisions of this section.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 8. 1912, sec. 7. 1904, sec. 7. 1888, sec. 7. 1870, ch. 311. 1872, ch. 377, sub-ch. 2, sec. 3. 1874, ch. 463. 1892, ch. 515. 1894, ch. 110. 1894, ch. 378. 1904, ch. 584. 1916, ch. 506, sec. 7.

8. District boards of school trustees shall each be composed of three members, appointed from the residents of the school district by the county boards of education on or before the third Tuesday in May, for a term of three years from the third Saturday in May next succeeding their appointment, and they shall hold office until their successors qualify. Provided that in the first instance the county boards of education shall each appoint one member for the term of one year, one member for the term of two years and one member for the term of three years, from the third Saturday in May, 1917. Thereafter the term of each member appointed to the boards shall be three years. The members of the boards shall be appointed solely because of their character and fitness. A county board of education may remove any member of a district board of trustees of the same county for immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency or wilful neglect of duty, giving to him a copy of the charges against him, and an opportunity of being publicly heard, in person, or by counsel, in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. Vacancies on the boards shall be filled by the county boards of education for the unexpired term and until a successor shall qualify. Any member of a board appointed under the provisions of this section shall be eligible for reappointment unless otherwise disqualified by the provisions of this section. If the county board of education shall find it impossible in any school district to secure the required number of competent persons who will serve as members of the district board of school trustees, the duties of the board for the particular school district shall devolve upon the county board of education.

Since the trustees are expressly required to take an oath, the county board should see that they do so before entering upon their duties. *Underwood v. School Commissioners*, 103 Md. 190.

This section did not repeal act of 1896, ch. 275, providing for erection, support and control of a high school at Annapolis. See notes to sec. 11. *School Commissioners v. Henkel*, 117 Md. 99.

See note to sec. 63.

Chapter 3. The State Board of Education.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 9. 1912, sec. 8. 1904, sec. 8. 1888, sec. 8. 1872, ch. 377. 1916, ch. 506, sec. 8.

9. The state board of education shall hold its annual meeting each year at the office of the State Department of Education, on the last Wednes-