

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, and one of whom in each of the other counties, 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 article. 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.