

number of persons to be selected. A vacancy created in the ex-officio membership of the County Board shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners alone.

(d) Any member of any County Board who shall fail to attend meetings of such Board for a period of six consecutive months may be considered to have resigned, and the Chairman of such 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 sub-section (c).

(e) If any member of any County Board, except the County Commissioner serving thereon, becomes a candidate for political office, or accepts public office by election or appointment during his tenure of office on such County Board, such candidacy for or acceptance of public office shall be considered as his resignation as a member of such County Board, and the Chairman of such 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 such County Board and proceed to have it filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided in the foregoing sub-section (c).

(f) Each County Board shall select its own chairman annually.

The County Boards shall in their respective counties appoint the personnel necessary for the proper administration of this Article, which power of appointment shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in Section 9 of this Article.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 699.

(House Bill 47)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-sections (a) and (c) of Section 15 and Sections 16, 19, 25 and 26 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland