

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Education**

3-401.

(d) (1) Each member serves for a term of 4 years beginning on [December 15] THE THIRD MONDAY IN DECEMBER after his election and until a successor is elected and qualifies. If [December 15] THE THIRD MONDAY IN DECEMBER is a legal holiday, the term begins on the first day after [December 15] THE THIRD MONDAY IN DECEMBER that is not a legal holiday.

(2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms of the members serving on December 15, 1990.

(3) Subject to the requirements of paragraph (4) of this subsection, the remaining members of the County Board shall select a qualified individual to fill any vacancy on the Board for the remainder of that term and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

(4) (i) If a vacancy occurs between the beginning of the term and a date that is 10 days prior to the filing deadline for candidates for the primary election that is held in the second year of the term, the individual appointed under paragraph (3) of this subsection shall serve only until a successor is elected by the voters at a special election to be held at the time of the next general election.

(ii) In all other respects, the election to fill the vacancy under this paragraph shall be governed by the provisions of Subtitle 32 of the Election Code.

(iii) The person receiving the greatest number of votes in the election shall take office on [December 15] THE THIRD MONDAY IN DECEMBER after the election, and shall continue to serve for the remaining 2 years of the term and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

(iv) If no person files as a candidate to fill the vacancy, or if none qualifies, the individual appointed to fill the vacancy by the County Board under paragraph (3) of this subsection shall serve the remainder of the term to which the individual was appointed, and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

3-402.

(A) The County Board [from time to time] shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman from among its members AT AN ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY IN JANUARY.

(B) IF THERE IS A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL ELECT A REPLACEMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS.