

passage of this Act shall not be affected by its provisions; and provided further that on or before the first Monday in May, 1949, the Governor shall appoint in Caroline County three members, one for a term of one year, one for a term of three years and one for a term of five years, from the first Monday in May, 1949. Thereafter the term of each member appointed to the Board of Education for Caroline County shall be five years.

(b) The members of the said Board shall be appointed solely because of their character and fitness, but no person shall be appointed to the Board who is in any way subject to its authority. The State Superintendent of Schools by and with the approval of the Governor, may remove any member of a Board appointed under the provisions of this section 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. If any member of a county board shall be removed, the State Superintendent of Schools shall file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline County for which the member was appointed, if the member so requests, a complete statement of all charges made against such member, and the Superintendent's 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 the Board shall be eligible for reappointment, unless otherwise disqualified by the provisions of this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 29, 1949.

CHAPTER 527

(House Bill 191)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 129-161, inclusive, of the Anne Arundel County Code (1947 Edition), being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edi-