

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 the County for which the member was appointed, 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 any of the county boards for any cause shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term, and until a successor shall qualify. Any member of a county board shall be eligible for reappointment, unless otherwise disqualified by the provisions of this section.

*7C (a) After January 1, 1952, the County Board of Education of Montgomery County, shall be composed of seven members, qualified voters of Montgomery County, who shall be chosen AS FOLLOWS: ONE FROM EACH OF THE FIVE COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND TWO AT LARGE, and who shall serve as hereinafter provided in this section, provided, however, that the offices now held by the members of the Board of Education on the effective date of this Act are abolished and the incumbents exercising the functions and duties thereof on such date shall hold office under the provisions of this Act as interim incumbents of the offices herein provided to serve for such terms as are hereinafter specified and until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified.*

*(b) Nomination for membership on the County Board of Education of Montgomery County shall be by petition endorsed by a minimum of TWO HUNDRED VOTERS FOR THE NOMINEE FROM EACH COUNCIL DISTRICT, RESPECTIVELY, AND five hundred voters of the County FOR THE TWO NOMINEES AT LARGE, RESPECTIVELY. Each such petition shall be filed with the Board of Election Supervisors of Montgomery County, sixty (60) days before the General election and except as otherwise in this section specified shall conform generally to the laws and requirements of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. No person shall be certified as a candidate who is subject to the authority of the Board of Education. On the receipt of a valid nominating petition, said Board of Supervisors of Elections shall do such things as are necessary to provide for the election of the members of said Board of Education as in this section required, in conformity with the election laws contained in said Article 33, provided, however, that all voting for County Board of Education members shall be conducted on a non-partisan*