

basis, AND ON A GENERAL COUNTY-WIDE TICKET; no designation of party affiliation shall be placed upon any petition for nomination, nor upon any voting machine or paper ballot used at any said election. The candidate or candidates receiving the highest number or numbers of votes cast for the office of member of the County Board of Education shall be declared elected.

(c) Any vacancy on the said Board in an office filled by an interim incumbent or an elected member resulting from death, resignation, failure to qualify, or any other reason shall be filled by the selection by the remaining members of the Board of a duly qualified person to fill the vacancy. Any person so selected shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the vacancy or until his successor is elected and qualified.

(d) The Montgomery County Council may remove any member of the Board elected or serving 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 the Board of Education shall be so removed, he shall have the right to a review by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County in a proceeding de novo. Upon the initiation of such proceedings for review in the Circuit Court, the County Council shall forthwith file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County a complete statement of all charges made against such member, and the findings of the Council thereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings.

(e) No member of said Board of Education shall receive compensation for his services, but shall receive an allowance of \$300.00, annually or such larger sum for travel and other expenses as may be provided by the County Council of Montgomery County.

(f) The County Board of Education of Montgomery County shall perform the functions of County Boards of Education as provided by State Law and shall have power to adopt by-laws for regulation and administration of schools within the county not inconsistent with State Law; provided, however, that all action shall be accomplished after a public meeting, the formal record of which shall likewise be public. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to deny the power of the Board to meet and deliberate in executive session provided, however, that all action of the Board together with the individual vote of each member shall be a matter of formal public record.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That before the provisions of this Act shall become effective, the County Council