

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 6 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Public Education," sub-title "Chapter 2. Formation of Boards," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that a new Section 12A be and it is hereby added to said Article and sub-title, to follow immediately after Section 12 thereof, and all to read as follows:*

6. (a). County Boards of Education shall be composed in the counties of Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Dorchester, and Washington, of six members; in Somerset County of seven members, and in each of the other counties (except Allegany, Anne Arundel, Caroline, Charles [and], Montgomery and Wicomico for which separate provisions are made in this Article), of three members, who shall be appointed from the citizens of the County by the Governor for a term of six years from the first Monday in May next succeeding their appointment, and they shall hold office until their successors qualify. Provided that the terms of office of persons who are members of the County Boards on passage of this Act shall not be affected by its provisions, except as otherwise specifically provided; and provided further that on or before the first Monday in May of 1929, the Governor shall appoint in the Counties of Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Dorchester, Washington and Somerset, two members, one for a term of five years and one for a term of six years from the first Monday in May, 1929. Thereafter the term of each member appointed to the Boards from each County (except Anne Arundel and Allegany Counties) shall be six years.

(b). And provided, further that in Somerset County, the members of the Board shall be appointed in the manner hereinafter described from the following election districts of said county; one member from Tangier, Damesquarter and St. Peters; one member from Mt. Vernon, Princess Anne No. 1 and Princess Anne No. 2; one member from Dublin, Westover and Fairmount; one member from Brinkleys No. 1, Brinkleys No. 2 and Lawsons; one member from Crisfield No. 1, Crisfield No. 2 and Ashbury; one member from Deals Island and one member from Smiths Island.

(c). The members of the Boards shall be appointed solely because of their character and fitness, but no person shall be appointed to a 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 sec-