

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 June 1, 1957, are abolished and the incumbents exercising the functions and duties thereof on such date shall hold office under the provisions of this section 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.

The members of said Board shall be elected and hold office as follows: the members from the first and third Council districts and the two members at large shall be elected in November of 1958, to take office January 1, 1959, and shall serve [for four years] until December 1, 1962. The members from the second, fourth and fifth Council districts shall be elected in November of 1958, to take office January 1, 1959 and shall serve [for two years,] until [January 1, 1961] December 1, 1960. The County Council and the Board of Election Supervisors of Montgomery County shall provide for the election, in November of 1960, for the said members from the second, fourth and fifth Council districts, respectively, who shall take office [January 1, 1961] December 1, 1960, and serve for four years. Thereafter all the members shall be elected for terms of four years at the general election to be held immediately before the expiration of their respective [four-year] terms.

(b) Nomination by petition. Nomination for membership on the County Board of Education for 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; *Provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of Section 68 of Article 33 of the Code, the said Montgomery County shall defray the cost of publication of each such petition* SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED. 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 Supervisor 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 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.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.* SECTION 68 OF ARTICLE 33 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION, AS AMENDED), TITLE