

than by abolition of positions) and so as to preserve the composition of the Board; the appointments shall be made from lists of qualified persons submitted to the Governor by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland and shall contain not less than three names for each appointment to be made. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term in the manner provided herein. A quorum of the Board for the transaction of business shall be four members. Members of the Board shall be entitled to receive such compensation as it may determine from time to time, not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day for each day they are engaged in transacting the business of the Board. The members shall receive also their necessary traveling expenses. The Board shall elect annually one of its members as chairman, and shall also elect annually a secretary, who need not be a member of the Board. The secretary shall receive such compensation as may be provided in the budget; and the compensation of the members, the secretary and all expenses of the Board shall be paid from its receipts. The Board shall have the authority to obtain information which it may require in the field of physical therapy and, for that purpose, may secure the advice of experts and consultants to be paid out of the funds of the Board.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it is the legislative intent in enacting this Act to reduce the membership of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners from seven to five persons, of whom (beginning in 1971) three are physical therapists and two are physicians; and that the changes necessary to accomplish this end be made over a period of years.

Notwithstanding any provisions of Section 606 of Article 43 of the Code, as amended by this Act,

(1) The seven members of the Board serving on June 1, 1968, shall be continued in office until the expiration of their terms.

(2) The position of the physician whose term expires on May 31, 1969, is abolished on that date, and in its place a position for a physical therapist is added as of June 1, 1969.

(3) The position of the physician whose term expires on May 31, 1970, is abolished on that date.

(4) The position of the physician whose term expires on May 31, 1971, is abolished on that date.

Following the schedule established in this section, positions on the Board are abolished and added as respectively provided, until on June 1, 1971, the Board has a membership of three physical therapists and two physicians, as indicated in Section 606 above.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners with the membership as revised in this Act is a continuation of the Board as it existed immediately prior to the effective date of this Act. It is the intent of this Act only to reconstitute the membership of the Board without affecting its continuity or operations.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.