

of time that he shall hold office as president of said association.] *except as hereinafter provided. One of the members of said Board shall be selected in the discretion of the County Commissioners and the first appointee so appointed shall have the term of office of six (6) years. The remaining two (2) members of the Board shall be competent persons, familiar with the electrical business, and the first two (2) appointees so appointed shall have a term of office of four (4) and two (2) years, respectively. Should any vacancy occur from any cause during the term of any [board] member as herein provided, the Board of County Commissioners of Charles County shall [appoint someone] make the necessary appointment to fill such vacancy. The Board of County Commissioners of Charles County shall have full power to remove any member of the board for incompetency or improper conduct upon satisfactory evidence being presented to [him] said member of such condition.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

Approved March 22, 1968.

CHAPTER 58
(House Bill 538)

AN ACT to add new Section 136A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1965 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County," subtitle "Fire Protection," to follow immediately after Section 136 thereof, to establish the Howard County Fire Board and provide for its powers and duties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 136A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1965 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County," subtitle "Fire Protection," to follow immediately after Section 136 thereof, and to read as follows:*

136A.

(a) *There is created the Howard County Fire Board which shall consist of seven members. Six members shall be selected by the Howard County Volunteer Firemen's Association for such terms and in accordance with such procedures as shall be determined by it. The seventh member shall be appointed by the County Commissioners and shall serve for a term concurrent with that of the County Commissioners. Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their services except reasonable and necessary expenses as may be provided in the Budget.*

(b) *The Fire Board shall advise and consult with the County Commissioners and other county officials and employees from time to time on matters concerning the administration of fire suppression, fire prevention, fire training, arson investigation and fire communications activities.*