

Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), to enact Sections 1 through 161, inclusive, in lieu thereof, to enact a comprehensive new law relating to public education in lieu thereof, and to renumber as part of said new law, without amendment, Sections 108 through 129, inclusive and 177 through 201B, inclusive of said Article 77 and to repeal Sections 164 through 165J, inclusive; 248 through ~~248U~~ 248K, inclusive; 170A through 170K, inclusive; 249 through 259AD, inclusive; 260 through ~~289J~~ 284K, inclusive; 288A; 300 through ~~309~~ 304C, inclusive; and 325 through 328, inclusive, and to re-enact said sections without amendment, as new Article 77A, title "Higher Education."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 1 through 107, inclusive; 130 through 163, inclusive; 171 through 176, inclusive; 202 through 247, inclusive; 285 through 288, inclusive; 289 through 299, inclusive; 305 through ~~319~~ 318, inclusive, and 329 and 330 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1965 Replacement Volume, 1968 Supplement), title "Public Education" be and they are hereby repealed, and that there be enacted in lieu thereof, new Sections 1 through 161, inclusive, of said Article 77, to read as follows:

Article 77

Chapter 1. Free Schools

1. Free Schools.

There shall be throughout the State of Maryland a general system of free public schools, according to the provisions of this article. "PUBLIC SCHOOLS" AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL MEAN SCHOOLS AT THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVEL.

Chapter 2. State Board of Education

2. State Board of Education as head of State Department of Education.

Educational matters affecting the State and the general care and supervision of public education shall be entrusted to a State Department of Education, at the head of which shall be a State Board of Education.

3. State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education shall be composed of seven members, who shall be appointed from the citizens of the State by the Governor for over-lapping terms of ~~seven~~ FIVE years, from the first Monday in July next succeeding their appointment, and they shall hold office until their successors qualify. ~~One member shall be appointed each year to a full term.~~ OF THE MEMBERS INITIALLY APPOINTED, ONE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, ONE FOR TWO YEARS, TWO FOR THREE YEARS, ONE FOR FOUR YEARS, AND TWO FOR FIVE YEARS; AND THEREAFTER ALL TERMS SHALL BE FOR FIVE YEARS. The members of the Board shall be appointed solely because of their character and fitness, but no person shall be appointed to the Board who is in any way subject to its authority, and the Governor and the State Superintendent of Schools shall not be members of this Board.