

35. County boards generally.

(a) Compositions. The county board of education for any school system with an enrollment of fifty thousand (50,000) or more pupils shall be composed of seven members. The county board of education for any school system with an enrollment of less than fifty thousand (50,000) pupils shall be composed of five members, except any county already having a board consisting of more than five members.

(A) COMPOSITION. THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ANY SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

(1) FOR A SCHOOL SYSTEM WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND (50,000) PUPILS, FIVE MEMBERS; EXCEPT THAT ANY COUNTY HAVING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION MORE THAN FIVE MEMBERS SHALL RETAIN SUCH EXISTING NUMBER OF MEMBERS;

(2) FOR A SCHOOL SYSTEM WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND (50,000) PUPILS BUT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (100,000) PUPILS, SEVEN MEMBERS;

(3) FOR A SCHOOL SYSTEM WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (100,000) PUPILS, NINE MEMBERS; EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 36 OF THIS ARTICLE FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

(b) Appointment, removal, vacancies. The members of the boards, except in Baltimore County and Montgomery County, shall be appointed from the citizens of the county by the Governor for overlapping terms of ~~seven~~ FIVE years from the first day in July next succeeding their appointment, and they shall hold office until their successors qualify. The members of the boards shall be appointed solely because of their character and fitness and without regard to political affiliation, 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 section for immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, or wilful neglect of duty, giving to him a copy of the charges against him, and an opportunity of being publicly heard in person or by counsel, in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. If any member of a county board shall be removed, the State Superintendent of Schools shall file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county for which the member was appointed, if the member so requests, a complete statement of all charges made against such member, and his findings hereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings. Vacancies on any of the county boards for any cause shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term and until a successor shall qualify. Any member of a board shall be eligible for reappointment unless otherwise disqualified by the provisions of this section; provided however:

(1) That no person shall be eligible to serve more than two ~~full~~ CONSECUTIVE terms and