

shall be elected in Charles County to comprise the County Board of Education of Charles County. They shall be elected on a non-partisan basis, and no party labels or party identification shall be shown or displayed with respect to candidates for these positions on the ballots or ballot labels.

(c) *Nomination for membership on the Charles County Board of Education shall be by petition signed by at least two hundred (200) voters from the County. Each petition shall be filed with the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Charles County not later than midnight on the Monday which is ten weeks or seventy days before the day on which the general election is held; except that in the year 1970 the petition shall be filed not later than midnight on the day of September 25, 1970. Each petition shall conform generally to the laws and requirements in Article 33 of this Code, but publication of each petition shall not be required. Any person so nominated shall be a qualified voter and resident in the county. Each nominee at the time of filing his petition shall submit therewith a filing fee in the amount of \$25.00.*

(d) *The seven members of the Board shall be elected at large in Charles County.*

(e) *The several persons elected shall have four-year terms, beginning on December 15, 1970, and each four years thereafter, except that if this date is a legal holiday, the term of office shall begin on the first day thereafter which is not a legal holiday. Vacancies on the board at any time shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. The members of the Board from time to time shall elect one of their number as Chairman of the Board. Except as in this section provided, the other provisions of this Article apply to the Board of Education of Charles County.*

(f) *Each member of the Board of Education of Charles County shall receive an annual compensation in the amount of \$600.00 payable quarterly.*

(g) *The County Board of Education of Charles County shall perform the usual functions of a County Board of Education as provided elsewhere in this Article or it may adopt bylaws for the regulation and administration of the public schools within the County, not inconsistent with State law. All such action shall be accomplished at a public meeting, the formal record of which also shall be public. Nothing in this section shall be deemed or applied to deny the power of the Board to meet and deliberate in executive session, except that all formal action of the Board together with the individual vote of each member shall be a matter of public and formal record.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That before this Act becomes effective, it shall first be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Charles County at a special election to be held in conjunction with, on the same day, and during the same hour as, the regular Statewide primary election of the political parties in the year 1970, in Charles County. The ballot labels for this referendum shall have positions separate from those used for the primary election; and if ballots are used, they shall be completely separate and distinct from those provided for the primary elections. There shall*