

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 148 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Boards of License Commissioners," and Section 151 of Article 2B of the same Code, Replacement Volume and Supplement, same title and subtitle, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

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(a) For the jurisdictions in which this section is effective, the Governor, biennially, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, if in session, and if not in session, then the Governor alone, shall appoint three persons who shall constitute and be styled "The board of license commissioners for Baltimore City or County," as the case may be. In making said appointments, the Governor shall designate one of the appointees in Baltimore City and each of said counties to be the chairman of the respective boards. Said commissioners shall be residents and voters of Baltimore City or the respective counties, as the case may be, and they shall be men or women of high character and integrity and of recognized business capacity. In the case of any vacancies in the number of said license commissioners in Baltimore City or in any county occurring when the legislature is not in session, the Governor shall appoint some eligible person to fill the vacancy during the remainder of the term of office of the person originally appointed.

(b) *Allegany County.*—In Allegany County the board shall be reconstituted as of June 1, 1953, as the board of license commissioners of Allegany County. The board as it existed prior thereto shall be abolished as of that date and the tenure of the members of the said board shall be terminated as of that date. As of June 1, 1953, the Governor shall make recess appointments of three persons to constitute the board of license commissioners for Allegany County for terms expiring respectively on the first Monday in May, 1955, the first Monday in May, 1957, and the first Monday in May, 1959. Thereafter, appointments shall be for terms of six years each. Two of the members of the said board of license commissioners shall always be members of that political party which at the last preceding general election in Allegany County polled the greatest number of votes in the aggregate for the several offices of County Commissioner therein. The third member of the said board of license commissioners shall always be a member of that political party which at the last preceding general election in Allegany County polled the second highest number of votes in the aggregate for the several offices of County Commissioner therein.

(b-1) *Anne Arundel County.*—In Anne Arundel County not more than two members of the board of license commissioners shall belong to the same political party.

(b-2) *Calvert County.*—In Calvert County effective on January 1, 1963, one member of the board shall always be a member of that political party which at the last preceding gubernatorial election polled the second highest number of votes throughout the State for that office.

(b-3) *Caroline County.*—Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, in Caroline County the members of the liquor control