

board as of September 30, 1970, shall constitute the board of license commissioners and shall serve on this board until the expiration of their individual terms when they will be reappointed or replaced as provided by this section. The terms of office for the members of the Caroline County board shall be three years. In Caroline County appointments to the board of license commissioners shall be made by the Governor with the advice and consent of the House of Delegates, if in session, and if not in session, the Governor shall make the appointments which shall continue in force until the end of the next session of the General Assembly.

(c) *Prince George's County*.—In Prince George's County, the Governor shall appoint two of the three said commissioners from the political party obtaining the highest number of votes in the last general election in the county, and the third commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor from the political party obtaining the next highest number of votes in said county election. Before making said appointments and before filling any vacancy as hereinabove provided, the Governor shall request the State central committees for Prince George's County representing each of the two leading political parties of the State to designate at least four eligible candidates for each position; and the Governor shall appoint one of the persons so designated unless in his judgment all of said persons shall be unfit or incompetent, in which case he shall file a written statement to that effect with the Secretary of State, setting forth such facts and the grounds therefor and shall call upon the said committees for Prince George's County for another list of six names for each position to be filled, from which list and the original list he shall make the appointments. Provided, in Prince George's County, upon the expiration of the terms of the present commissioners in office, on June 1, 1971, the Governor shall appoint in the manner hereinabove provided, one commissioner for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years. Thereafter all terms shall be for three years and not more than two of said appointees shall belong to the same political party.

(d) *St. Mary's County*.—In St. Mary's County the board of license commissioners as it existed prior to June 1, 1963 is abolished and a new board shall be appointed as of that date, as provided in subsection (a) of this section which shall be styled notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) "the alcoholic beverage board of St. Mary's County," but which in all other respects shall be the same as a board appointed under subsection (a). The members of said board shall organize by electing their own chairman. They shall meet at least once during each calendar month, and as frequently in addition thereto as in their discretion is required by the duties of their office. All hearings held by the board shall be open to the public. The board is authorized to appoint advisory committees composed of responsible persons in the county for the purpose of advising the board on any matters relating to administration of the alcoholic beverage laws. 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.

(d-1) *Somerset County*.—In Somerset County as of June 1, 1967, the Governor shall appoint three persons who shall constitute the board of license commissioners for the county, who shall hold office