

~~each. The remaining two members shall each hold office for a term of two years. The term of each member elected at succeeding general elections shall be for four years. THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER SHALL BE FOR FOUR YEARS.~~

(B)(1) Nomination for membership on the Board of Education of Washington County except as otherwise herein provided, shall be by petition endorsed by a minimum of three hundred registered voters from Washington County, each such petition shall be filed with the Board of Election Supervisors of Washington County not later than 4:00 P.M. on the Monday which is 70 days before the day on which the general election in November shall be held. Each such petition filed shall be accompanied by a \$25.00 filing fee. Except as otherwise in this section provided, each such petition shall conform generally to the laws and requirements of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, provided, however, that publication of the petition shall not be required.

(2) The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall provide the means whereby all duly registered voters of Washington County, irrespective of party affiliation, may vote for said nominees for the County Board of Education at the election held in November for other ~~nominees~~ NOMINEES of the political parties. All voting shall be conducted on a non-partisan basis, and no designation of party affiliation shall be placed upon any petition, for nomination, nor upon any voting machine or paper ballot used at said election.

(C) Any vacancy on said Board of Education of an elected member resulting from ~~death~~ DEATH, resignation, failure to qualify, or any other reason shall be filled by the Governor of the State by a duly qualified person to fill the vacancy. Any person so selected shall serve out the remainder of the term to which he is appointed.

(D) The State Board of Education may remove any member of the Board of Education elected or serving 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 the Board of Education shall be so removed, he shall have the right to a review by the Circuit Court for Washington County in a proceeding de novo.

(E) The Board of Education of Washington County shall perform the functions of county boards of education as provided by State law and shall have the power to adopt bylaws for regulation and administration of schools within the county not inconsistent with State law; provided, however, that all action shall be accomplished after a public meeting, the formal record of which shall likewise be public. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to deny the power of the board to meet and deliberate in executive session provided, however, that all action shall be accomplished after a public meeting, the formal record of which shall likewise be public.

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 Washington County at a special election to be held in conjunction with, on the same day, and during the same