

CHAPTER 348

(House Bill 12)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 1A-1(a), 2-1(a), and 2-6 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitles "State Administrative Board of Election Laws" and "Election Boards and Employees," respectively, to provide that members of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws and boards of election supervisors and their employees shall not hold ANY PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICE or be a candidate for any public or party office, and generally relating to the election laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 1A-1(a), 2-1(a), and 2-6 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitles "State Administrative Board of Election Laws" and "Election Boards and Employees," respectively, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1A-1.

(a) There is hereby created a State Administrative Board of Election Laws consisting of five members. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland and shall be residents and voters of the State of Maryland for five years preceding their appointment and during the time of acting as a member of this Board shall not *hold ANY PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICE* or be a candidate for any public or party office. The members first appointed to this Board shall serve a term of two years from July 1, 1969, to July 1, 1971. All subsequent appointments to a full term shall be for a period of four years. In case of a vacancy on the Board by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, occurring when the Senate is not in session, the Governor shall appoint some eligible person to fill the vacancy until the end of the next session of the General Assembly or until some other person is appointed to the office, whichever first occurs; provided that the appointee must be a member of the same political party as the individual whom he replaces. Of the five members appointed to the Board three shall be of the majority party and two shall be of the minority party. The members of the Board shall receive no salary but shall be entitled to reimbursement of necessary expenses in connection with their duties. The members of the Board shall elect one of their number as the chairman of the Board.

2-1.

(a) The Governor shall appoint biennially in each county of the State and in the City of Baltimore, three persons who shall constitute the board. The members of the board shall be residents and voters in their respective counties or in the City of Baltimore for five years preceding their appointment and during the time of acting as a member of any board shall not *hold ANY PUBLIC OR*