

and "Voting Machines"; be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that Section 1A-1(f) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Election Code," subtitle "State Administrative Board of Election Laws" be and it is hereby repealed, and all to read as follows: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.] *per diem compensation as provided in the budget for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his official duties as well as reimbursement for all necessary and proper expenses.* The members of the Board shall elect one of their number as the chairman of the Board.

[(f)] The State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall establish and maintain a repository for all federal decennial census information concerning this State and make it available to legislators and legislative committees as requested, for studies of legislative apportionment or other purposes. The information maintained by the Board shall be accepted as official and authentic federal decennial census information, by all courts, judges, officials and employees of this State and of its political subdivisions.]

[(g)] (f) In each year preceding any year in which a primary and general election is to be held in the State, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall conduct meetings of the members of the boards in the State. It shall be mandatory for those members of the boards, the principal administrative officers of the boards and the counsel for the boards who are designated by the State Administrative Board to attend at least one of the meetings. The meetings shall be held at a time and place and continue for such period of time as determined by the State Administrative Board. The purpose of the meetings shall be to instruct the members of the boards, designated employees and counsel as to their duties in the conduct of elections. Each member of the boards, other employees or counsels who shall attend the meetings shall be paid an expense allowance of \$25.00 for each day of the meeting attended and shall be paid