

land (1969 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 4—County Boards of Education," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that new Section 36B be and it is hereby added to said Article, title and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 36A thereof, and all to read as follows:

35.

(b) The members of the boards, except in *Howard*, *Montgomery* and *Washington* Counties, shall be appointed from the citizens of the county by the Governor for overlapping terms of five years from the first day in July next succeeding their appointment, and they shall hold office until their successors qualify. The members of the boards shall be appointed solely because of their character and fitness and without regard to political affiliation, but no person shall be appointed to a board who is in any way subject to its authority. The State Superintendent of Schools, by and with the approval of the Governor, may remove any member of a board appointed under the provisions of this section for immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, or willful 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 county board shall be so removed, the State Superintendent of Schools shall file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county for which the member was appointed, if the member so requests, a complete statement of all charges made against such member, and his findings hereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings. Vacancies on any of the county boards except in *Howard*, *Montgomery* and *Washington* Counties for any cause shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term and until a successor shall qualify. Any member of a board shall be eligible for reappointment unless otherwise disqualified by the provisions of this section; provided however:

(1) That no person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms and

(2) That an incumbent member of a county board serving a full term as of July 1, 1969, shall be eligible for one additional full term.

36B.

(a) (1) *The offices that are held by the members of the Board of Education of Howard County are abolished on December 31, 1974; however, the incumbents exercising the functions and duties thereof on such date shall hold office under the provisions of this section as interim incumbents of the offices herein provided to serve for such terms as herein specified and until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified.*

(2) *On January 1, 1975, the Board of Education of Howard County shall be composed of five members elected from the county at large. All candidates elected to the Board shall be residents and registered voters of the County. Any member who ceases to be a resident of Howard County shall no longer be a member of the Board. The term of each member of the Board shall commence on January 1 of the year following their election.*