

The Howard County Board of Education shall hold office for a term of six years and be elected as follows:

(i) Two members of the Board shall be elected in the November general election of 1974, and every six years thereafter, to replace the two interim incumbent members of the Board whose terms expire in 1975 and 1976.

(ii) Two members of the Board shall be elected in the November general election of 1976 and every six years thereafter, to replace the two interim incumbent members of the Board whose terms expire in ~~1975 and 1976~~ 1977 AND 1978.

(iii) One member of the Board shall be elected in the November general election of 1978 and every six years thereafter, to replace the interim incumbent member of the Board whose term expires in 1979.

(b) (1) Nomination for membership on the Board, except as otherwise herein provided, shall be by petition endorsed by a minimum of two hundred and fifty (250) registered voters of Howard County. Each petition shall be filed with the Board of Election Supervisors for Howard County not later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday which is seventy (70) days before the day on which the primary election is to be held. Each petition shall be accompanied by a ten dollar (\$10.00) filing fee. Except as otherwise in this section provided, each 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) If after the expiration of the time allowed for filing of petitions by this section, there are no more than two nominees for the Board for each member then to be elected, said board of supervisors of elections shall certify said candidates as duly nominated candidates for election for the respective Board of Education offices. These names and the name of the position for which they are candidates shall be omitted from the ballot required by paragraph three (3) of this subsection.

(3) If after the expiration of the time, as aforesaid, there are more than two nominees for the Board, respectively for each member then to be elected, said board of supervisors of elections shall provide the means whereby all duly registered voters of Howard County, irrespective of party affiliation, may vote for said nominees for the Board at a primary election to be held at the time and place for holding the primary elections of the political parties. In taking the ballot, voting machines shall be used, provided, however, that if the number of candidates submitted for vote at the primary elections is too large for the practical use of voting machines, the said board of supervisors of elections shall supply paper ballots in the usual form for use in voting for such offices. The nominees in the primary election, equal to twice the number of members to be elected to the Board, who receive the largest number of votes at the primary election shall be duly nominated candidates for election to the Board offices. The board of canvassers for Howard County shall, upon the completion of its canvass of voters at said primary election, determine who are the duly nominated candidates for election to the respective Board offices under the provisions of this section and shall certify the same to the board of supervisors of elections of Howard County. Any person who has qualified under this section as a candi-