

State law and shall have the power to adopt by-laws for the regulation and administration of schools within the county not inconsistent with State law. However, all action shall be accomplished at 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 that all action shall be accomplished at a public meeting as herein provided.

(f) No member of the Board shall receive compensation for his services. However, each member shall receive an allowance of \$2,400 annually or such larger sum for travel and other expenses and the chairman shall receive an allowance of \$3,000 annually or such larger sum for travel and other expenses as may be provided by the County Council for Howard County.

(F) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL RECEIVE \$2,400.00 ANNUALLY AND EACH OF THE OTHER MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE \$2,000.00 COMPENSATION ANNUALLY. THE CHAIRMAN AND THE MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE SUCH OTHER ALLOWANCES FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES AS MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET FOR HOWARD COUNTY.

(g) The ~~Howard County Council~~ STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION may remove any member of the Board 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 Howard County in a proceeding de novo.

(h) The remaining members of the Board shall appoint COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL APPOINT, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL, a duly qualified person to fill any vacancy which occurs on the Board after December 31, 1974 as a result of death, resignation, failure to qualify, or any other reason. Any person so appointed shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the vacancy.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect contingent upon the adoption of an amendment to Section 1 of Article 17 of the Constitution of Maryland and the addition of a new Section 5 to Article 17 of the Constitution of Maryland as enacted by Chapter of the Acts of 1972 (S.B. 410) permitting the elected members of the County Boards of Education to hold office for a term of six years; and if Section 1 of Article 17 of the Constitution of Maryland is not amended and a new Section 5 is not added to Article 17 of the Constitution of Maryland by Chapter above, then this Act shall become null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

SEC. 3. 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 Howard County at the general election to be held