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(b) The members of the boards, except in CARROLL, 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.

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(A) (1) AFTER JANUARY 1, 1977, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CARROLL COUNTY SHALL BE COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS. THE OFFICES HELD BY INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CARROLL COUNTY ORIGINALLY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1977, AND THEREAFTER ARE ABOLISHED. HOWEVER, THE INCUMBENTS EXERCISING THE FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES THEREOF ON THAT 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) IF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1976. THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER SHALL BE FOR FOUR YEARS. IF THE CARROLL 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 1976, AND EVERY SIX YEARS THEREAFTER, TO REPLACE THE TWO INTERIM INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE IN 1973 AND 1974.

(II) TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION OF 1978 AND EVERY SIX YEARS THEREAFTER, TO REPLACE THE TWO INTERIM INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE IN 1975 AND 1976.