PETITION OF CANDIDACY AS TO ANY CANDIDATE SO WITHDRAWING SHALL BE VOID, AND HIS NAME SHALL NOT BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION. IF THE WITHDRAWAL OF ANY CANDIDATE REDUCES THE NOMINEES TO LESS THAN [[14]] 15, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS SHALL CERTIFY THE APPROPRIATE REPLACEMENT NUMBER FROM THE REMAINING CANDIDATES AS PROVIDED BY SUBSECTION (C) (2) OF THIS SECTION, IF POSSIBLE. NO PERSON SHALL BE CERTIFIED AS A CANDIDATE WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(4) THE SEVEN PERSONS AMONG THE MAXIMUM OF 14 WHOSE NAMES ARE PLACED ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AS CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WHO RECEIVE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE ELECTION SHALL BE ELECTED TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect [[July]] June 1, 1974.

Approved April 30, 1974.

CHAPTER 459

(House Bill 639)

AN ACT concerning

Foster Care for the Mentally Retarded

FOR the purpose of allowing mentally retarded persons to be eligible for placement in foster care treatment and allowing the Social Services Administration or any local Department of Social Services to assist in the placement of mentally retarded persons in foster care.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 59A — Mental Retardation Section 4 Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 4 of Article 59A — Mental Retardation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is