

(1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 35(b) of Article 77 - Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 77 - Public Education

35.

(b) The members of the boards, except in ALLEGANY, Carroll, Charles, Howard, Prince George's, 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 nor may any person in any county serve 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 ALLEGANY, Charles, Howard, Prince George's, 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.