

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 36D be and it is hereby added to Article 77 - Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 77 - Public Education

36D.

(A) ON JANUARY 2, 1975, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ALLEGANY COUNTY SHALL BE COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS. THE OFFICES HELD BY THE INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ORIGINALLY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING THE MEMBER WHOSE TERM EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 1974, SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL JANUARY 2, 1975, AT WHICH TIME THEY ARE ABOLISHED.

(B) AT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1974, [[AND AT THE GENERAL ELECTION EACH FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER]] FIVE PERSONS SHALL BE ELECTED IN ALLEGANY COUNTY TO COMPRISE THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ALLEGANY COUNTY. THEY SHALL BE ELECTED ON A NONPARTISAN BASIS, AND NO PARTY LABELS OR PARTY IDENTIFICATION SHALL BE SHOWN OR DISPLAYED WITH RESPECT TO CANDIDATES FOR THESE POSITIONS ON THE BALLOTS OR BALLOT LABELS.

(C) NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL BE BY PETITION SIGNED BY AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED (200) VOTERS FROM THE COUNTY. EACH PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS OF ALLEGANY COUNTY NOT LATER THAN [[MIDNIGHT]] 9 P.M. ON THE MONDAY WHICH IS TEN WEEKS OR SEVENTY DAYS BEFORE THE DAY ON WHICH THE GENERAL ELECTION IS HELD~~[[;~~ EXCEPT THAT IN THE YEAR 1974 THE PETITION SHALL BE FILED NOT LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE DAY OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1974]]. EACH PETITION SHALL CONFORM GENERALLY TO THE LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS IN ARTICLE 33 OF THIS CODE, BUT PUBLICATION OF EACH PETITION SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED. ANY PERSON SO NOMINATED SHALL BE A QUALIFIED VOTER AND A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS. EACH NOMINEE AT THE TIME OF FILING HIS PETITION SHALL SUBMIT THEREWITH A FILING FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.00.

(D) THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE IN ALLEGANY COUNTY.

(E) [[THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL HAVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 2, 1975, AND EACH FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER, EXCEPT THAT IF THIS DATE IS A LEGAL HOLIDAY, THE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BEGIN ON THE FIRST DAY THEREAFTER WHICH IS NOT A LEGAL HOLIDAY.]] THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING TERMS. THE THREE