

MEMBERS WHO RECEIVE THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 1974 SHALL HAVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS. THE TWO MEMBERS WHO RECEIVE THE NEXT HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 1974 SHALL HAVE TWO-YEAR TERMS. THE TERMS OF THE BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED IN THE 1974 GENERAL ELECTION SHALL COMMENCE ON JANUARY 2, 1975. EACH MEMBER ELECTED TO THE BOARD AFTER THE 1974 ELECTION SHALL HAVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON THE SECOND DAY OF JANUARY FOLLOWING HIS ELECTION. IF THE DATE FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE TERM OF ANY MEMBER IS A LEGAL HOLIDAY, THE TERM SHALL BEGIN ON THE FIRST DAY THEREAFTER WHICH IS NOT A LEGAL HOLIDAY. VACANCIES ON THE BOARD AT ANY TIME SHALL BE FILLED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FROM TIME TO TIME SHALL ELECT ONE OF THEIR NUMBER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. EXCEPT AS IN THIS SECTION PROVIDED, THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE APPLY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ALLEGANY COUNTY.

(F) EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ALLEGANY COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800 PAYABLE MONTHLY. AFTER SUBMITTING VOUCHERS, THE MEMBERS SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES.

(G) THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ALLEGANY COUNTY SHALL PERFORM THE USUAL FUNCTIONS OF A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AS PROVIDED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ARTICLE OR IT MAY ADOPT BYLAWS FOR THE REGULATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITHIN THE COUNTY, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW. ALL SUCH ACTION SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED AT A PUBLIC MEETING, THE FORMAL RECORD OF WHICH ALSO SHALL BE PUBLIC. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED OR APPLIED TO DENY THE POWER OF THE BOARD TO MEET AND DELIBERATE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, EXCEPT THAT ALL FORMAL ACTION OF THE BOARD TOGETHER WITH THE INDIVIDUAL VOTE OF EACH MEMBER SHALL BE A MATTER OF PUBLIC AND FORMAL RECORD.

(H) IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE ELECTED MEMBERS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS A NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION EX OFFICIO. HE SERVES WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION. AFTER SUBMITTING VOUCHERS, HE SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

SECTION 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 Allegany County at a special election to be held in conjunction with, on the same day, and during the same hour as, the regular Statewide primary election of the political parties in the year 1974 in Allegany County.