

IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION OR FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD IN THE GENERAL ELECTION. THE CANDIDATES, EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED TO THE BOARD, WHO RECEIVE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ARE ELECTED TO THE RESPECTIVE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICES. ALL VOTING FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS, EITHER IN A PRIMARY ELECTION OR IN A GENERAL ELECTION, SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON A NONPARTISAN BASIS AND ON A GENERAL COUNTY-WIDE TICKET. NO DESIGNATION OF PARTY AFFILIATION MAY BE PLACED UPON ANY PETITION FOR NOMINATION, NOR UPON ANY VOTING MACHINE OR PAPER BALLOT USED AT ANY PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION.

(E) (1) AT THEIR FIRST MEETING AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH YEAR, THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL ELECT FROM AMONG THEM A CHAIRMAN TO SERVE FOR THE YEAR.

(2) THE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE MONTHLY, PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION AS PROVIDED BY STATE LAW, AND MAY ADOPT BY-LAWS FOR THE REGULATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOLS WITHIN THE COUNTY NOT INCONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW. HOWEVER, ALL ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN AT A PUBLIC MEETING, THE FORMAL RECORD OF WHICH SHALL LIKEWISE BE PUBLIC. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS THE BOARD FROM MEETING AND DELIBERATING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IF ALL FINAL ACTION IS TAKEN AT A PUBLIC MEETING.

(F) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL RECEIVE \$2,400 ANNUALLY AND EACH OF THE OTHER MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE \$2,000 ANNUALLY. THE CHAIRMAN AND THE MEMBERS MAY RECEIVE ANY OTHER ALLOWANCES FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES AS ARE PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET FOR KENT COUNTY.

(G) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY REMOVE ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD ELECTED OR SERVING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION FOR IMMORALITY, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE, INCOMPETENCY, OR WILFUL NEGLECT OF DUTY. BEFORE REMOVING ANY MEMBER THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL GIVE 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 BOARD OF EDUCATION IS SO REMOVED, HE HAS THE RIGHT TO A REVIEW BY THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KENT COUNTY IN A PROCEEDING DE NOVO.

(H) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A DULY QUALIFIED PERSON TO FILL ANY VACANCY WHICH OCCURS ON THE BOARD AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1976, AS A RESULT OF DEATH, RESIGNATION, FAILURE TO QUALIFY, OR ANY OTHER REASON. ANY PERSON SO APPOINTED SHALL SERVE FOR THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF THE TERM OF THE VACANCY.