

least six of the members first appointed shall be selected from the present board of trustees of Morgan State College. In case of a vacancy from death, resignation or otherwise, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill the unexpired term of the member causing the vacancy.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all employees of the Maryland Council for Higher Education shall be transferred to and become employees of the State Board for Higher Education, without any diminution in salary or benefits; all property, funds, assets, liabilities, contracts, documents, and records of the Council shall be transferred to and become the property, funds, assets, liabilities, contracts, documents, and records of the State Board for Higher Education; all rules, regulations, orders, and directives of the Council shall remain in effect until changed by the State Board for Higher Education in accordance with law; and all references in the Annotated Code of Maryland and any other law, ordinance, by-law, rule, regulation, order, directive, or document to the Maryland Council for Higher Education shall be ~~[[deemend]]~~ deemed to refer to the State Board for Higher Education.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

CHAPTER 539

(House Bill 973)

AN ACT concerning

Elementary and Secondary Education

FOR the purpose of generally revising the structure and governance of elementary and secondary education in the State; limiting the term of office of the president of the State Board of Education; ~~[[changing the name of the State Board of Education and]]~~ revising ~~[[its]]~~ the size, composition, duties and procedures of the State Board of Education; including Baltimore City within certain provisions of Article 77 and excepting it from others and revising the relationship between the State and City school systems; ~~[[changing the name of the State Department of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools;]]~~ removing certain authority over postsecondary educational programs and institutions from the State Department of Education; creating