

of which shall be a State Board of Education.]

3.

[The State Board of Education shall be composed of seven members, who shall be appointed from the citizens of the State by the Governor for overlapping terms of five years, from the first Monday in July next succeeding their appointment, and they shall hold office until their successors qualify. Of the members initially appointed, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for two years, two for three years, one for four years, and two for five years; and thereafter all terms shall be for five years. The members of the Board shall be appointed solely because of their character and fitness, but no person shall be appointed to the Board who is in any way subject to its authority, and the Governor and the State Superintendent of Schools shall not be members of this Board. The Governor may remove any member of the Board appointed under the provisions of this section for immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, or wilful neglect of duty giving 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 shall be removed, the Governor shall file in the office of the Secretary of State a complete statement of all charges made against such member, and his findings thereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings. Vacancies on the Board for any cause shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term and until a successor shall qualify. Any member of the 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 incumbent members of the State Board serving a full term as of July 1, 1969, shall be eligible for one additional full term.]

6.

[The State Board of Education shall, to the best of their ability, cause the provisions of this article to be carried into effect. They shall determine the educational policies of the State; they shall enact bylaws, rules and regulations for the administration of the public school system, which when enacted and published shall have the force of law. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this article, and the enacted and published bylaws, rules and regulations of the Board, the State Board of Education shall, if necessary, institute legal proceedings. The State Board of Education shall, without charge and with the advice of the Attorney General of Maryland, explain the true intent and meaning of the law, and shall decide all