

1976, SHALL SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF [[ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY]] EDUCATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THEIR TERMS, AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE SAME EXTENT AS THEY WERE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT ON [[JUNE 30, 1976]] [[~~DECEMBER 31, 1976~~]] JUNE 30, 1976. OF THE [[FOUR]] TWO INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE VACANCIES OCCURRING ON [[JULY 1, 1976, ONE SHALL RECEIVE A TERM OF TWO YEARS, ONE A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AND TWO A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.]] [[JANUARY 1, 1977]] JULY 1, 1976, ONE SHALL RECEIVE A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AND ONE A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

(D) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR IMMORALITY, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE, INCOMPETENCY, OR WILFUL NEGLECT OF DUTY IF HE GIVES THE MEMBER 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 A MEMBER IS REMOVED, THE GOVERNOR SHALL FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE A COMPLETE STATEMENT OF ALL CHARGES MADE AGAINST HIM, THE GOVERNOR'S FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE CHARGES, AND A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

(E) VACANCIES ON THE BOARD FOR ANY CAUSE SHALL BE FILLED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

(F) THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF [[SIX MEMBERS]] A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS THEN SERVING ON THE BOARD IS REQUIRED FOR ANY ACTION BY THE BOARD.

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(A) THE STATE BOARD SHALL, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, DETERMINE THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL POLICIES OF THIS STATE, AND SHALL CAUSE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE TO BE CARRIED OUT.

(B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT BYLAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM WHICH, WHEN ADOPTED AND PUBLISHED, HAVE THE FORCE OF LAW. THESE BYLAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS APPLY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTIES. THEY ALSO APPLY TO BALTIMORE CITY, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY PERTAIN TO MATTERS WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BALTIMORE CITY.

(C) THE BOARD MAY INSTITUTE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE BYLAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

(D) THE BOARD, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND WITHOUT CHARGE, SHALL EXPLAIN THE TRUE INTENT AND MEANING OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE BYLAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, AND SHALL DECIDE ALL CONTROVERSIES AND DISPUTES ARISING UNDER THEM. THE DECISION OF THE BOARD IS FINAL.

(E) THE [[COMMISSIONER]] STATE SUPERINTENDENT, AS