

filing and election procedures, and salaries and expenses for the members; delineating certain functions and responsibilities of the board; providing for removal of member and vacancies on the board; generally relating to an elected school board for Somerset County; and submitting this Act to the qualified voters of Somerset County for their adoption or rejection.

By adding to

Article 77 - Public Education
Section 35C
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 35C be and it is hereby added to Article 77 - Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 77 - Public Education

35C.

(A) (1) THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SOMERSET COUNTY IS COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY. ~~THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY ARE BY OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.~~

(2) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL EACH RESIDE IN A DIFFERENT COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT. THE FIFTH MEMBER SHALL RESIDE IN SOMERSET COUNTY. ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE REGISTERED VOTERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY. ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED BY ALL THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY.

(3) A MEMBER WHO CEASES TO BE A RESIDENT OF SOMERSET COUNTY, OR, IN THE CASE OF THE FOUR MEMBERS REQUIRED TO RESIDE IN SPECIFIC COUNCILMANIC DISTRICTS, A MEMBER WHO CEASES TO BE A RESIDENT OF THE REQUIRED COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT MAY NOT CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(B) (1) A PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WHO:

(I) OBTAINS THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST 200 REGISTERED VOTERS ON A PETITION WHICH CONFORMS TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITIONS IN ARTICLE 33, EXCEPT THAT PUBLICATION OF THE PETITION IS NOT REQUIRED;

(II) FILES THAT PETITION WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS BY 4:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY WHICH IS 70 DAYS BEFORE THE DAY ON WHICH THE GENERAL