

ELECTION.

(2) AT THEIR FIRST MEETING OF EACH YEAR, THE MEMBERS SHALL ELECT ONE OF THE MEMBERS TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR THAT YEAR.

~~(G)~~ (H) (1) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD IS ENTITLED TO AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$1,800. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD IS ENTITLED TO AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$2,000. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY MAY PROVIDE FOR GREATER COMPENSATION IN THE COUNTY BUDGET.

(2) A MEMBER OR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY OFFICIAL DUTIES OUTSIDE SOMERSET COUNTY.

~~(H)~~ (I) (1) THE BOARD SHALL PERFORM THE FUNCTION OF A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AS PROVIDED BY STATE LAW. THE BOARD MAY ADOPT THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHOOLS IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

(2) THE BOARD SHALL MAKE ALL FINAL DETERMINATIONS AT A PUBLIC MEETING AND SHALL MAINTAIN A FORMAL RECORD OF SUCH A MEETING. THE BOARD MAY MEET AND DELIBERATE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ONLY IF ANY FINAL ACTION IS TAKEN AT A PUBLIC MEETING.

~~(I)~~ (J) (1) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SOMERSET COUNTY FOR IMMORALITY, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE, INCOMPETENCY, OR WILFUL NEGLECT OF DUTY. THE STATE BOARD SHALL PRESENT A COPY OF ALL CHARGES MADE TO THE MEMBER AND SHALL GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE PUBLICLY HEARD IN PERSON OR BY COUNSEL IN HIS DEFENSE. THE STATE BOARD SHALL GIVE AT LEAST TEN DAYS' NOTICE OF A HEARING TO THE PERSON CHARGED.

(2) A PERSON REMOVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR A REVIEW OF THE REMOVAL. THE CIRCUIT COURT SHALL HEAR THE APPEAL DE NOVO.

~~(J)~~ (K) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A QUALIFIED PERSON TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SOMERSET COUNTY. A PERSON APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL SERVE THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF THE VACATED TERM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That those members of the Board of Education holding office on July 1, 1977 shall continue in office until January 1, 1981.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before this Act becomes effective it shall first be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Somerset County at the general election to be held in November of