

The only other changes are in style.

Although this section provides for open meetings of the Carroll County Board and requires a public record of the meetings, Art. 76A, §§ 7 through 15, the "sunshine law", contains more specific requirements for open meetings and would apply to meetings of the County Board. This is so since the provisions of the "sunshine law" control over other provisions in the Code unless these other provisions "are more stringent".

As to other provisions limiting executive sessions by county boards, see §4-106(e) of this article.

SUBTITLE 4. CHARLES COUNTY.

3-401. MEMBERSHIP.

(A) COMPOSITION.

THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD CONSISTS OF SEVEN MEMBERS.

(B) QUALIFICATIONS.

(1) AN INDIVIDUAL NOMINATED FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE A RESIDENT AND REGISTERED VOTER OF CHARLES COUNTY.

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT BE CERTIFIED AS A CANDIDATE.

(C) ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

~~(1)~~ ALL SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED:

~~(i)~~ (1) AT A GENERAL ELECTION EVERY 4 YEARS BEGINNING IN 1978; AND

~~(ii)~~ (2) FROM CHARLES COUNTY AT LARGE.

~~(2) IF AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO NOMINEES FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD TO BE ELECTED, A PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE HELD.~~

(D) TERM; VACANCIES.

(1) EACH MEMBER SERVES FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 15 AFTER HIS ELECTION AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES. IF DECEMBER 15 IS A LEGAL HOLIDAY, THE TERM BEGINS ON THE FIRST DAY AFTER DECEMBER 15 THAT IS NOT A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

(2) THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD