

CONTINUE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

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

(C) ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

(1) MEMBERS OF THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED:

(I) AT THE GENERAL ELECTION EVERY 2 YEARS AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) FROM HOWARD COUNTY AT LARGE.

(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED IN THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 1978 AND EVERY 6 YEARS AFTER TO REPLACE THE INTERIM INCUMBENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHOSE TERM EXPIRES IN 1979.

~~(3) 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 6 YEARS BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1 AFTER HIS ELECTION AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES. THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS SERVING ON THE COUNTY BOARD AS OF JULY 1, 1978.

(2) SUBJECT TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF HOWARD COUNTY SHALL APPOINT A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL TO FILL ANY VACANCY ON THE COUNTY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(E) REMOVAL.

(1) THE STATE BOARD MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD FOR:

(I) IMMORALITY;

(II) MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE;

(III) INCOMPETENCY; OR

(IV) WILLFUL NEGLECT OF DUTY.

(2) BEFORE REMOVING A MEMBER, THE STATE BOARD SHALL SEND THE MEMBER A COPY OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY WITHIN 10 DAYS TO REQUEST A HEARING.

(3) IF THE MEMBER REQUESTS A HEARING WITHIN THE 10-DAY PERIOD: