

Approved May 14, 1979.

CHAPTER 227

(Senate Bill 182)

AN ACT concerning

Foster Care Review Boards - Appointments

FOR the purpose of deleting the requirement that the Senate of Maryland advise and consent to appointments to local foster care review boards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
Section 116(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

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(b) There shall be at least one local board in each county and Baltimore City composed of five members and two alternates appointed by the Governor [by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland] from residents of the county which the board serves. Each board member shall serve a term of 4 years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, except that in the initial appointments two members shall serve for 2 years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Board members shall be citizens who have demonstrated an interest in children through such activities as community service or professional experience, or possess a background in law, sociology, psychology, psychiatry, education, social work or medicine. Board members are subject to the same standards of confidentiality as Department of Social Services employees. Each local board shall choose from among its number a chairman by majority vote who shall hold office for 4 years and may succeed himself. The members shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.