

(III) IF THE BOARD DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY WRITTEN PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED IN THE NOTICE, THE HEARING MAY BE CANCELED.

(B) PUBLICATION.

THE NOTICE SHALL BE PUBLISHED:

(1) FOR AT LEAST 2 SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHERE THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE PROPOSED SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION IN THIS STATE IS TO BE LOCATED; AND

(2) IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE DOCUMENTS LAW.

(C) TESTIMONY AT HEARING.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY PROHIBIT TESTIMONY BY ANY PERSON WHO DID NOT FILE A PROTEST THAT COMPLIES WITH SUBSECTION (A)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: This section replaces former CA § 6-208(b) and the first sentence of (c).

Subsection (a)(2)(i) of this section, is a new provision added to expressly require that the notice include the hearing date. This is implied from the present references to a public hearing and, in addition, reflects the practice of the Board. A substantive change is made in extending for 30 additional days the time for holding a hearing. The Board requested this change as a matter of practicality.

Subsection (a) of this section is new language added to include a protest period in the notice.

Subsection (a)(2)(iii) of this section is new language added to allow the Board to cancel the hearing if no written protests are received.

As to subsection (b)(1) of this section, this procedure conforms to that prescribed for application for a branch office, which requires that notice be published in a newspaper and as provided in the State Documents Law. This also cures a time conflict problem caused by the cut-off date for publication in the Maryland Register vis-a-vis the 30 days' maximum time required before a hearing.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the phrase "In the Maryland Register" is added for clarity and to standardize a common provision for publication.