

(d) The term of office of each Committee appointed member is -f-four- 5 years. Each supervisor shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualifies. Vacancies shall be filled for any unexpired term by appointments made in the same manner as for the full term.

(e) The Committee, upon notice and hearing, may remove any supervisor from office for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. In addition, any supervisor who, during any period of 12 consecutive months, shall fail to attend at least 50 percent of all regular meetings of the board of supervisors of the district of which he is an appointed member, shall be considered to have resigned and the chairman of the board of supervisors shall notify the appropriate appointing body of the resultant vacancy. However, if the reasons for the supervisor's inability to attend meetings as required in this subtitle are found by the appointing body to be satisfactory, the appointing body may reinstate the supervisor to office.

§ 8-303.

(a) The supervisors shall designate annually a chairman and such other officers as may be necessary, and shall have authority to change these designations. A majority of the supervisors constitutes a quorum and the concurrence of a majority in any matter is required for its determination. A supervisor may receive his travel expenses and per diem allowance, as set by the Committee and provided in the annual State budget, for each day spent in the performance of his duties. TRAVEL EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED TO THE SUPERVISOR ONLY UPON THE PRESENTATION OF A VOUCHER. A supervisor may receive an additional per diem allowance provided by sources other than the State, not to exceed the allowance set by the Committee. HOWEVER, ALL SUPERVISORS SHALL RECEIVE THE SAME PER DIEM RATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

May 19, 1981

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 696.

This bill provides that all Soil Conservation District Supervisors are to receive the same per diem rate and that they shall be reimbursed for travel expenses only upon the presentation of a voucher.