

the Secretary...", see the General Revisor's Note to this article.

Subsection (f)(3) of this section is standard language added to this and, where necessary, corresponding sections of other titles of this article to provide for gaps in membership by indicating that a member serves until a successor takes office. This provision is supported by the cases of Benson v. Mellor, 152 Md. 481 (1927) and Grooms v. LaVale Zoning Board, 27 Md. App. 266 (1975).

Subsection (f)(4) of this section also is added as standard language. It follows from the requirement that there be staggered terms. An inherent aspect of staggered terms is that they must begin and end at set intervals. For circumstances under which this subsection applies, see the General Revisor's Note to this article.

In subsection (f)(5) of this section, the phrase "full" terms is added for clarity.

The present specific reference to the terms of the initial members is deleted as obsolete. The continuing stagger created under that provision is covered now under subsection (f)(2) of this section. The terms of the members serving on July 1, 1981, expire as follows: (1) one member in 1982; (2) two members in 1983; and (3) two members in 1984.

As to subsection (g) of this section, the present reference to a Board member being removed only after being given a "written statement of the charges and an opportunity to be heard" is deleted as repetitive of basic rights of due process that a Board member who is charged with the enumerated fault grounds would have under Art. 24 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights.

Also as to subsection (g) of this section, for the provisions on removal, see: Art. II, § 15 of the State Constitution, on removal for incompetence or misconduct; Art. XV, § 2 of the State Constitution, on suspension and removal for crimes; and Art. 41, § 4 of the Code, on removal for failure to attend meetings.

Present Art. 43, § 862(j), which provides that an appointment to fill a vacancy is made by the Governor, is deleted as redundant in light of the general provisions of subsection (a)(3) through (6) of this section.