

(f) In each year preceding any year in which a primary and general election is to be held in the State, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall conduct meetings of the members of the boards in the State. It is mandatory for those members of the boards, SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS, the principal administrative officers of the boards and the counsel for the boards who are designated by the State Administrative Board to attend at least one of the meetings. The meetings shall be held at a time and place and continue for such period of time as determined by the State Administrative Board. The purpose of the meetings is to instruct the members of the boards, designated employees and counsel as to their duties in the conduct of elections. Each member of the boards, SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS, other employees or counsels who attend the meetings shall be reimbursed for all approved reasonable expenses for each day of the meeting attended and shall be paid mileage at the rate established for State employees from his place of residence to the place of meeting and return.

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(a) The Governor shall appoint biennially in each county of the State and in the City of Baltimore, three persons who shall constitute the board. The members of the board shall be residents and voters in their respective counties or in the City of Baltimore for five years preceding their appointment [and during the time of acting as a member of any board shall not hold any public or party office or be a candidate for any public or party office]. Two [of them] MEMBERS shall always be selected from and represent the majority party and one shall always be selected from and represent the principal minority party.

(b) Except in Prince George's County, the Governor at the same time and in like manner shall appoint to each board two substitute members one of whom shall be selected from and represent the majority party and the other of whom shall be selected from and represent the principal minority party. [In the event of the temporary or permanent incapacity, from any cause, of a regular member of said board, or in the event of a vacancy from any cause on the regularly constituted board, the substitute member of the same political party as the regular member so incapacitated or causing the vacancy shall serve in his place until such incapacity shall have terminated or said vacancy shall have been filled as hereinafter provided; and while so serving, the said substitute member shall have all the powers and authority, and be subject to all the duties, imposed by law upon a regularly appointed member of the board.]

(c) (1) IF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD DIES, RESIGNS OR IS DISQUALIFIED, THE SUBSTITUTE MEMBER BELONGING TO THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AS THE MEMBER SHALL BECOME THE MEMBER OF THE BOARD AND IS BOUND BY ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THIS