

This is particularly true as to provisions in this article that relate to creation and composition of units, appointment of members, tenure, and vacancies.

In many of the "Membership" sections of this article, particularly in Title 9, there is a subsection captioned "Tenure; vacancies". A standard paragraph included in those subsections provides that a "member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies". That paragraph applies: (1) when a successor is appointed to replace a member who has died, resigned, or failed for any other reason to complete a term; (2) when a member is appointed to succeed a member who has "held over" to part of the next term, pending the delayed appointment and qualification of the successor; or (3) when, in any other situation, a member takes office after a term has begun, e.g., when, at the completion of a term, there is a delay in the appointment of a successor, but the member who served the prior term does not "hold over".

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 46 through 47C, inclusive, of Article 40 - General Assembly, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be transferred, without amendment, to be Section(s) 2-201 through 2-205, inclusive, of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code (as enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 50) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1984).

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 56B of Article 40 - General Assembly, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be transferred, without amendment, to be Section(s) 10A of Article 15A - Budget and Fiscal Planning, of the Annotated Code.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a new Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, designated "Political Subdivisions -- Miscellaneous Provisions", be enacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 24 - POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS -- MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

TITLE 1. DEFINITIONS.

1-101. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY REQUIRES OTHERWISE, IN THIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language used as the standard introductory language to a definition section.