

## (A) IN GENERAL.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST 1 LOCAL BOARD OF REVIEW OF FOSTER CARE FOR MINOR CHILDREN IN EACH COUNTY.

## (B) MULTICOUNTY LOCAL BOARDS.

INSTEAD OF A LOCAL BOARD IN EACH COUNTY, 2 OR MORE COUNTIES MAY AGREE TO ESTABLISH A SINGLE MULTICOUNTY LOCAL BOARD.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 88A, § 114(1) and § 116(a), the first sentence of (c)(2), and the first and second clauses of the first sentence of (b).

Former Article 88A, § 116(c)(1), which defined the term "county" to include Baltimore City, is deleted as unnecessary in light of the definition of "county" in § 1-101 of this article.

Defined terms: "County" § 1-101  
"Foster care" § 5-501 "Local board" § 5-501

5-541. SAME -- MEMBERSHIP.

## (A) COMPOSITION.

(1) A LOCAL BOARD CONSISTS OF 5 MEMBERS AND 2 ALTERNATES APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(2) IF A SINGLE MULTICOUNTY LOCAL BOARD IS ESTABLISHED FOR 2 OR MORE COUNTIES, AND IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT 1 OR MORE OF THOSE COUNTIES HAVE A GREATER NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE LOCAL BOARD IN ORDER FOR THE LOCAL BOARD TO HAVE 5 MEMBERS, THE GREATER NUMBER OF MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM THE COUNTIES THAT HAVE THE LARGEST FOSTER CARE POPULATIONS, IN ORDER OF THE SIZE OF THE FOSTER CARE POPULATIONS.

## (B) QUALIFICATIONS.

(1) EACH MEMBER OF A LOCAL BOARD SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF A COUNTY THAT IS SERVED BY THE LOCAL BOARD.

(2) EACH MEMBER OF A LOCAL BOARD SHALL:

(I) BE A CITIZEN WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED AN INTEREST IN MINOR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE, PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, OR SIMILAR ACTIVITIES; OR

(II) HAVE A BACKGROUND IN LAW, SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, PSYCHIATRY, EDUCATION, SOCIAL WORK, OR MEDICINE.

## (C) TENURE; VACANCIES.