

(4) (I) IF A VACANCY OCCURS BETWEEN THE BEGINNING OF THE TERM AND A DATE THAT IS 70-DAYS-PRIOR-TO 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FILING DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION THAT IS HELD IN THE SECOND YEAR OF THE TERM, THE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL SERVE ONLY UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED BY THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD AT THE TIME OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

(II)--THE--ELECTION--OF--THE--SUCCESSOR--SHALL--BE HELD--IN--THE--SAME--MANNER--AS--A--REGULAR--ELECTION--FOR--MEMBERS.

(II) IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, THE ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE 32 OF THE ELECTION CODE.

(III) THE PERSON RECEIVING THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE ELECTION SHALL TAKE OFFICE ON DECEMBER 15 AFTER THE ELECTION, AND SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINING 2 YEARS OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.

(IV) IF NO PERSON FILES AS A CANDIDATE TO FILL THE VACANCY, OR IF NONE QUALIFIES, THE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO FILL THE VACANCY BY THE COUNTY BOARD UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM TO WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL WAS APPOINTED, AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.

(e) (1) With the approval of the Governor, the State Board may remove a member of the County Board for any of the following reasons:

- (i) Immorality;
- (ii) Misconduct in office;
- (iii) Incompetency; or
- (iv) Wilful neglect of duty.

(2) Before removing a member, the State Board shall send the member a copy of the charges against him and give him an opportunity within 10 days to request a hearing.

(3) If the member requests a hearing within the 10-day period:

(i) The State Board shall promptly hold a hearing, but a hearing may not be set within 10 days after the State Board sends the member a notice of the hearing; and

(ii) The member shall have an opportunity to be heard publicly before the State Board in his own defense, in person or by counsel.