

(3) A MEMBER, IN CHARLES COUNTY SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A 4-YEAR TERM.

(4) A vacancy occurring for any reason during [any six-year term or any three-year] A term[, as the case may be,] shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(d) Any member of any of the local boards who shall fail to attend at least fifty percent of its meetings during any period of twelve consecutive months may be considered to have resigned, and the chairman of the board shall, in his discretion, declare that a vacancy exists and proceed to have it filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided in the foregoing subsection (c).

(e) If any member of any of the local boards, except the ex officio member serving thereon under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, becomes a candidate for political office, or accepts public office by election or appointment during his tenure of office on the local board, such candidacy for or acceptance of public office shall be considered as his resignation as a member of the local board, and the chairman of the local board shall declare that a vacancy exists on the local board and proceed to have it filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided in the foregoing subsection (c).

(f) The provisions of this section apply in the twenty-three counties and not in Baltimore City.

Article - Agriculture

2-504.1.

In each county containing productive agricultural land, the county governing body shall appoint an agricultural preservation advisory board.

(a) The agricultural preservation advisory board shall consist of five members, at least three of whom shall be owner-operators of commercial farms who earn 50 percent or more of their income from farming.

(b) [In each] (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH MEMBER AN AN agricultural preservation advisory board[, original members shall be appointed for the following terms:

- (1) One for a term of three years;
- (2) Two for terms of four years; and