

(ii) A hearing board consisting of individuals who meet the qualifications of subparagraph (i).

(3) The county board shall maintain a list of at least 10 hearing officers who:

(i) May be selected from the list of State-approved hearing officers under subsection (b)(2) of this section; and

(ii) Shall have a general knowledge of the law relating to the placement of [handicapped children] STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.

(4) Unless otherwise agreed by both parties, the hearing officer or panel members shall be chosen in rotating alphabetical sequence from those officers on the list maintained by the county board who satisfy the requirements of paragraph (2).

(5) An individual may not serve as the hearing officer or a board member if he:

(i) Is an employee of the State Board or any county board; or

(ii) Has an interest that would conflict with his objectivity in the hearing.

(6) Within the same 45-day period, the hearing officer or the hearing board shall review the request and make a decision.

(b) (1) ~~(H)~~ After exhausting all locally available administrative remedies and procedures, a parent or guardian of a [handicapped child] STUDENT WITH DISABILITIES or the county board that is responsible for providing special educational services for the child may make a written request to the [State Board] OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS for a review of the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of the child or the provision of a free appropriate education for the child.

~~(H) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS SHALL APPOINT A STATE HEARING BOARD TO HEAR THE CASE.~~

~~(III) THE PARENT OF A STUDENT WITH DISABILITIES MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CASE BE HEARD BY A STATE HEARING BOARD AND ELECT TO HAVE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE TO HEAR THE CASE.~~

(2) The [State Board] OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS shall maintain a list of at least ~~130~~ 20 hearing officers who are knowledgeable regarding the education of [handicapped children] STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.

(3) An individual may not serve as a hearing board member if he:

(i) Is an employee of the State Board or of any county board; or

(ii) Has an interest that would conflict with his objectivity in the hearing.