

(F) (1) THE STUDENT MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED BY QUALIFIED STUDENTS OF THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. THE STUDENT MEMBER SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY BOARD.

(2) THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL:

(I) DETERMINE WHICH STUDENTS IN THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY ELECT THE STUDENT MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD; AND

(II) DEVELOP NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE ELECTION OF THE STUDENT MEMBER.

(G) (1) EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, AN ELECTED MEMBER SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS. THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER SHALL COMMENCE ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER AFTER THE MEMBER'S ELECTION AND SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.

(2) THE TERM OF THE STUDENT MEMBER SHALL COMMENCE ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN JULY AND CONTINUE FOR 1 YEAR.

(3) IF A VACANCY OCCURS ON THE COUNTY BOARD, THE ~~BOARD~~ ST. MARY'S BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPOINT A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.

(H) (1) THE STATE BOARD MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD FOR:

- (I) IMMORALITY;
- (II) MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE;
- (III) INCOMPETENCE; OR
- (IV) WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY.

(2) BEFORE REMOVING A MEMBER, THE STATE BOARD SHALL SEND THE MEMBER A NOTICE, BY REGISTERED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, THAT SPECIFIES THE CHARGES AGAINST THE MEMBER.

(3) (I) WITHIN 15 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE STATE BOARD SENDS THE NOTICE, THE MEMBER MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MEMBER SHALL SEND THIS REQUEST TO THE COUNTY BOARD BY REGISTERED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.

(II) IF THE MEMBER REQUESTS A HEARING, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT A HEARING PROMPTLY, BUT NOT BEFORE THE 11TH DAY FROM THE DATE THE STATE BOARD SENT NOTICE TO THE MEMBER.

(III) THE MEMBER SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO A PUBLIC HEARING AND TO REPRESENTATION BY COUNSEL AT THE HEARING.