

retaining the residency requirement for the chief administrator of each board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 – Election Code

Section 2-6

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 33 – Election Code**

2-6.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, this section applies to all employees of an election board, including clerks, registrars, stenographers, and voting machine operators.

(2) Subsections (a) through (f) of this section do not apply to any attorney to an election board or to any election judge, by any title.

(b) This section does not alter, in any way, the method by which the salaries of the employees to which this section applies are currently funded by the various counties under this article.

(c) (1) If the employees of a board are covered by a county merit system:

(i) The employees shall be classified employees under the county merit system; and

(ii) The board may appoint and remove the employees subject to the rules and regulations of the personnel officials of the county where the board is located.

(2) If the employees of a board are not covered by a county merit system:

(i) The employees shall be in the classified service of the State Personnel Management System; and

(ii) The board may appoint and remove the employees in accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that govern classified service employees.

(d) (1) Each employee[ :

(1) Shall] SHALL be a registered voter of the State[ ; and ].

(2) ~~Shall~~ THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF A BOARD SHALL be a resident of the county where the board is located and maintain that residency while employed by the board}.

(e) While in office or employed by a board, an employee may not:

(1) Hold any public office or office in a political party;