

be a legal resident. The geographic area of each district is described in subsection (f) of this section. Each district shall be substantially equal in population, and the districts shall be reapportioned on the basis of each decennial census of the United States. Reapportioned districts shall become effective for the term of office commencing after the first regular primary election held at least 15 months after the official report on population is received by the State from the Bureau of the Census.

(b) The Montgomery County Board consists of:

- (1) 5 elected members, each of whom resides in a different board of education district;
- (2) 2 elected members who may reside anywhere in the county; and
- (3) 1 student member.

(c) An elected member of the County Board shall be a registered voter of Montgomery County.

(d) Members of the Montgomery County Board shall be elected at the general election every 2 years as required by subsection (f) of this section.

(e) (1) The student member shall be a bona fide resident of Montgomery County and a regularly enrolled junior or senior year student from a Montgomery County public high school.

(2) The nomination and election process shall be as agreed on by the County Board and the Montgomery County region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils. This agreement shall include a process by which to replace one or both of the final candidates if they are unable to proceed in the election. Any student enrolled in grades 7 through 12 in the Montgomery County public schools may:

(i) Nominate a student member candidate;

(ii) Vote for delegates from the student's school, who in turn vote in a nominating convention to reduce to 2 the number of candidates for student Board member if there are 3 or more candidates; and

(iii) Vote directly for 1 of the 2 remaining student Board member candidates.

(3) The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes in the direct election shall become the alternate student member. The alternate shall serve if the student member is unable to complete his elected term.

(4) Except as provided in paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) of this subsection, the student member has the same rights and privileges of an elected member.

(5) Unless invited to attend by the affirmative vote of a majority of the County Board, the student member may not attend an executive session that relates to:

- (i) Hearings held under § 6-202(a) of this article; or
- (ii) Collective bargaining.