

(g) (1) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

(2) Upon the recommendation of the Secretary, the Governor may remove a member whom the Secretary finds to have been absent from 2 successive Board meetings without adequate reason.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act may be construed to affect the term of any member of the State Board of Pharmacy who is serving on the Board on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor, in making the four initial professional member appointments to the State Board of Pharmacy authorized under § 12-202(a) of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, may stagger those appointments and determine the associational groups from which those appointments are to be made.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 531**

**(House Bill 1237)**

AN ACT concerning

**Washington County – Board of Education – Membership**

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Washington County Board of Education; and providing that the new members of the Board be elected at a certain general election.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 3-1301

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Education**

3-1301.

(a) The Washington County Board consists of [five] SEVEN members.

(b) All [five] SEVEN members of the Washington County Board shall be elected from Washington County at large at a general election every 4 years beginning in 1978.