

(c) (1) In contesting the finding of a FELONY conviction [or a pending charge], the individual shall contact the office of the Secretary, or a designee of the Secretary, and a hearing shall be convened within 20 workdays, unless subsequently waived by the [eligible employee] INDIVIDUAL.

(2) The Secretary, or a designee of the Secretary, shall render a decision regarding the appeal within 5 workdays after the hearing.

(d) [(1)] For the purposes of this subtitle, the record of a FELONY conviction [for a crime] or a copy of the record certified by the clerk of the court or by a judge of the court in which the conviction occurred shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.

[(2)] In a case where a pending charge is recorded, documentation provided by a court to the Secretary, or a designee of the Secretary, that a pending charge for a crime has not been finally adjudicated shall be conclusive evidence of the pending charge.]

(e) Failure of the individual to appear at the scheduled hearing shall be considered grounds for dismissal of the appeal.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved April 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 37

(Senate Bill 413)

AN ACT concerning

Education - Charles County Board of Education - Elimination of Staggered Terms

FOR the purpose of eliminating staggered terms of office for the members of the Charles County Board of Education; establishing that members of the Board are elected in gubernatorial election years; altering the term of office for certain members whose terms expire in a certain year; and generally relating to the Charles County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 3-501(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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