

words "For a Board of Education Appointed by the Governor". A voter may choose only one of the methods of selection. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are "For a Board of Education Elected by the Voters of Cecil County", Sections ~~6 and 7 of this Act are of no effect and null and void, but if a majority of the votes cast on the question is "For a Board of Education Appointed by the Governor", the provisions of Sections 6 and 7~~ 1 through 5 of this Act shall become effective on the 30th day following the official canvass of votes for the referendum.

SECTION 9. 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section ~~8~~ 6 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

~~SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That subject to the provisions of Sections 8 and 9 of this Act, Sections 1 through 5 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003. They shall remain effective until the taking effect of Sections 6 and 7 of this Act. If Sections 6 and 7 of this Act take effect, Sections 1 through 5 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

Approved May 22, 2003.

CHAPTER 391

(Senate Bill 522)

AN ACT concerning

Administrative Procedure Act - Contested Cases - Time Limit for Making Final Decision

FOR the purpose of requiring the final decision maker in a contested case under the Administrative Procedure Act to make the final decision within a certain period of time after exceptions to the proposed decision are filed or arguments are presented to the final decision maker, except as otherwise provided by law or by agreement of the parties; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to contested cases under the Administrative Procedure Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 10-216

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article - State Government

10-216.

(a) (1) In the case of a single decision maker, if the final decision maker in a contested case has not personally presided over the hearing, the final decision may