

(2) (i) The term of office of the member elected at the 2002 election is 4 years.

(ii) The successor to this office shall serve for a term of 4 years.

(3) (i) Two members shall be elected at the 2004 election.

(ii) The successors to these offices elected at the 2008 election shall serve a term of 4 years.

(4) (i) Five members shall be elected at the 2006 election.

(ii) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, the successors to these offices shall be elected at the 2010 election and shall serve for a term of 4 years.

(5) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, as of the 2006 election, the term of each office is 4 years.

(ii) 1. At the 2006 election, the individual elected as a member who receives the lowest number of votes among the five members elected in that election shall serve for a term of 2 years.

2. The successor to the office for the member elected at the 2006 election who receives the lowest number of votes among the five members elected in that election shall be elected at the 2008 election and shall serve for a term of 4 years.

(6) Except as provided in paragraph (7) of this subsection and subject to the confirmation of the County Council, the County Executive of Howard County shall appoint a qualified individual to fill any vacancy on the County Board for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(7) If a vacancy occurs before the date that is 1 year following the date of the member's election, the individual appointed under paragraph (6) of this subsection shall serve only until a successor is elected by the voters at the next general election.

(8) Candidates for the vacated office may be nominated at a primary election in the same manner as for any other position on the Howard County Board.

(9) When more than two members of the County Board are to be elected at an election and the terms of the offices to be filled at the election vary, the elected candidates receiving the greater number of votes shall fill the offices with the longer terms.