

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

8-304.

(a) There is a Maryland School for the Deaf.

(B) THE ~~GOVERNMENT~~ GOVERNANCE OF THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IS VESTED IN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

(C) (1) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CONSIST OF 19 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(2) OF THE 19 MEMBERS, AT LEAST 6 MEMBERS SHALL BE DEAF.

(3) EACH ~~REMAINING~~ MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL:

(I) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

(II) BE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC; AND

(III) HAVE DEMONSTRATED AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE EDUCATION OF DEAF CHILDREN.

(4) EACH GEOGRAPHIC REGION OF THE STATE SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY AT LEAST 1 MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

(D) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 6 YEARS.

(2) THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON OCTOBER 1, 1992.

(3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(4) A MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN 2 CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

(E) THE BOARD MAY:

(1) APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND SPEND ANY GIFT OR GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, ANY FOUNDATION, OR ANY OTHER PERSON; AND

(2) MAINTAIN, MANAGE, AND INVEST ANY GIFTS OR GRANTS THAT IT ACCEPTS.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET.