

SUBTITLE 2. LOCAL BOARDS.

2-201. ORGANIZATION.

(A) GENERALLY.

(1) THERE IS A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN EACH COUNTY OF THE STATE.

(2) EACH LOCAL BOARD AND ITS STAFF IS SUBJECT TO THE DIRECTION AND AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD AND IS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE STATE BOARD FOR ITS ACTIONS IN ALL MATTERS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE AND ANY APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW.

(B) MEMBERSHIP.

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (J) OF THIS SECTION, EACH LOCAL BOARD CONSISTS OF THREE REGULAR MEMBERS AND TWO SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS.

(2) TWO REGULAR MEMBERS AND ONE SUBSTITUTE MEMBER SHALL BE OF THE MAJORITY PARTY, AND ONE REGULAR MEMBER AND ONE SUBSTITUTE MEMBER SHALL BE OF THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY PARTY.

(3) IN THE EVENT OF THE ABSENCE OF A REGULAR MEMBER OR A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF A REGULAR MEMBER, THE SUBSTITUTE MEMBER OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY SHALL EXERCISE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A REGULAR MEMBER UNTIL THE REGULAR MEMBER RETURNS OR THE VACANCY IS FILLED AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) APPOINTMENT.

EACH REGULAR AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBER OF A LOCAL BOARD SHALL:

(1) BE APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION;

(2) BE A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE COUNTY FOR WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL IS APPOINTED FOR THE 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE APPOINTMENT; AND

(3) BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT.

(D) TERM.

(1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS AND BEGINS ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN JUNE OF EACH YEAR FOLLOWING A GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION.

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

(E) OATH.

BEFORE TAKING OFFICE, A MEMBER SHALL TAKE AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE OATH PRESCRIBED IN ARTICLE I, § 9 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.