

(2) PURSUANT TO THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE, OR ITS COUNTY MERIT SYSTEM, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, APPOINT AN ELECTION DIRECTOR TO MANAGE THE OPERATIONS AND SUPERVISE THE STAFF OF THE LOCAL BOARD;

(3) MAINTAIN AN OFFICE AND BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, AND PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER AND EFFICIENT CONDUCT OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION, INCLUDING:

(I) SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE BOARD;
AND

(II) OFFICE AND POLLING PLACE EQUIPMENT EXPENSES.

(4) ADOPT ANY REGULATION IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS ARTICLE, WHICH REGULATION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE WHEN IT IS FILED WITH AND APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD;

(5) SERVE AS THE LOCAL BOARD OF CANVASSERS AND CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF EACH ELECTION CONDUCTED BY THE LOCAL BOARD;

(6) ESTABLISH AND ALTER THE BOUNDARIES AND NUMBER OF PRECINCTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-303 OF THIS TITLE, AND PROVIDE A SUITABLE POLLING PLACE FOR EACH PRECINCT, AND ASSIGN VOTERS TO PRECINCTS;

(7) PROVIDE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TIMELY INFORMATION AND NOTICE; BY PUBLICATION OR MAIL, CONCERNING VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS;

(8) MAKE DETERMINATIONS AND HEAR AND DECIDE CHALLENGES AND APPEALS AS PROVIDED BY LAW;

(9) (I) AID IN THE PROSECUTION OF AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS ARTICLE; AND

(II) WHEN THE BOARD FINDS THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE AN OFFENSE HAS BEEN COMMITTED, REFER THE MATTER TO THE APPROPRIATE PROSECUTORIAL AUTHORITY; AND

(10) MAINTAIN AND DISPOSE OF ITS RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER § 2-106 OF THIS TITLE.

(C) SPECIAL PROVISION — GARRETT COUNTY.

IN GARRETT COUNTY, FOLLOWING EACH DECENNIAL CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL:

(1) EVALUATE THE POPULATION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DISTRICTS ARE OF SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL POPULATION; AND