

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of local law, in Baltimore City the New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners may have proceedings under § 6-202 of this subtitle heard first by a hearing examiner.

(c) (1) Except in Anne Arundel County, the hearing examiner shall be an attorney admitted to practice before the Maryland Court of Appeals. In Anne Arundel County, the hearing examiner may, but need not, be an attorney.

(2) The hearing examiner shall be chosen by the county board.

(3) In Calvert and Charles Counties, the hearing examiner may not be the attorney to the county board or be connected in any way with that attorney.

(4) In CARROLL AND Howard [County] COUNTIES, the hearing examiner may not be a partner or an employee of the law firm representing the [Howard County Board of Education] COUNTY BOARD.

(d) The hearing examiner shall submit to the county board and appellant:

(1) A transcript of the proceedings and exhibits; and

(2) The hearing examiner's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation.

(e) Parties to the proceedings before the hearing examiner may make arguments before the county board.

(f) (1) After it reviews the record and the recommendation of the hearing examiner, the county board shall make a decision.

(2) The decision may be appealed to the State Board as provided in this article.

(g) Each county board shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations to regulate the proceedings before the hearing examiner.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.

CHAPTER 625

(Senate Bill 626)

AN ACT concerning

Election Code - Carroll County Election Board - Salaries

FOR the purpose of altering the salaries of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections for Carroll County; providing for certain effective dates, subject to a certain contingency; and providing that this Act does not affect the compensation