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## CHAPTER

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1 AN ACT concerning

3 FOR the purpose of providing that members of the Talbot County Board of Education
4 shall be elected; establishing a procedure for the election of members of the
5 Talbot County Board of Education; establishing a certain term of office for 6 elected members; providing for the removal of members under certain 7 circumstances; providing for the appointment of a certain student nonvoting 8 members member; providing a procedure for filling a vacancy on the County 9 Board; providing for the election of the president and vice president of the 10 County Board; providing for the compensation of the members of the County 11 Board; providing for the termination of the terms of the appointed members of 12 the County Board; establishing the initial districts for the election of the 13 members of the County Board; staggering the terms of the elected members; 14 requiring the County Board to meet at certain intervals; providing for the 15 effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of 16 certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the Talbot County Board 17 of Education.

18 BY renumbering
19 Article - Education
20 Section 3-113.1
21 to be Section 3-12A-06
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)
24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
25 Article - Education

Section 3-114
2 Annotated Code of Maryland

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Article - Education
6 Section 3-114
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)
9 (As enacted by Chapter 289 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)
BY adding to
Article - Education
Section 3-12A-01 through 3-12A-05, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 12A. Talbot County"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Education
Section 3-12A-06
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
MARYLAND, That Section(s) 3-113.1 of Article - Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 3-12A-06.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland 6 read as follows:

## Article - Education

8 3-114.
(a) In the following counties, the members of the county board shall be elected:
(1) Allegany;
(2) Calvert;
(3) Carroll;
(4) Cecil;
(5) Charles;

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14 election to a county board, a person shall certify to the local board of supervisors of
15 election whether or not he is subject to the authority of the county board. The
16 Governor shall not issue a commission of election to a person who has certified
17 affirmatively and who is elected to a county board until the member-elect offers proof
18 that he is no longer subject to the authority of the county board.
19 (c) The election of the county boards shall be held as provided in Subtitles 2 20 through 13 of this title and the Election Law Article.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland 22 read as follows:

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(6) Dorchester;

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(11) Prince George's;
(12) Montgomery;
(13) St. Mary's;

9 (14) Somerset;
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(15) TALBOT;
[(15)] (16) Washington; and
$12 \quad[(16)] \quad$ (17) Worcester.
13 (b) An individual subject to the authority of the county board may not serve as 14 a member of the county board. At the time of filing a certificate of candidacy for 15 election to a county board, a person shall certify to the local board of supervisors of
16 election whether or not he is subject to the authority of the county board. The
17 Governor shall not issue a commission of election to a person who has certified
18 affirmatively and who is elected to a county board until the member-elect offers proof 19 that he is no longer subject to the authority of the county board.

20 (c) The election of the county boards shall be held as provided in Subtitles 2 21 through 13 of this title and the Election Law Article.

22 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland 23 read as follows:

Article - Education
SUBTITLE 12A. TALBOT COUNTY.
26 3-12A-01.
27 (A) THE TALBOT COUNTY BOARD CONSISTS OF:
28 (1) SEVEN VOTING MEMBERS, ONE MEMBER ELECTED FROM EACH OF
29 THE SEVEN ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE COUNTY BOARD ESTABLISHED IN
30 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE; AND

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(2) WHENEVER ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ARE TO BE REDRAWN, 5 NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1 OF THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE YEAR IN WHICH
6 REDISTRICTING IS TO TAKE EFFECT, THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT A 7 COMMISSION ON REDISTRICTING TO INCLUDE:
(I) FOUR INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED BY EACH POLITICAL PARTY 9 THAT POLLED AT LEAST 15 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTE CAST AT THE 20 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION; AND

1 COUNCIL UNLESS THE COUNTY COUNCIL ENACTS A DIFFERENT REDISTRICTING 2 PLAN BEFORE THAT DATE.

3 (E) (1) EACH VOTING MEMBER SERVES FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS BEGINNING 4 ON JANUARY 1 AFTER THE MEMBER'S ELECTION AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS 5 ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.

6 7 CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

3 (G) (1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO FILL ANY 14 VACANCY ON THE COUNTY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT TERM AND UNTIL 15 A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.

16 (2) A RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH A VACANCY EXISTS MAY 17 APPLY FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR TO FILL THE VACANCY.

18 (H) THE STUDENT MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED APPOINTED AND SERVE ON 19 THE COUNTY BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-12A-06 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

20 3-12A-02.
21 (A) THE STATE BOARD MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD FOR 22 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:
(1) IMMORALITY;
(2) MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE;
(3) INCOMPETENCY;
(4) WILLFUL NEGLECT OF DUTY; OR
(5) FAILURE TO ATTEND, WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE:
(I) AT LEAST 75\% OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY 29 BOARD IN ANY 1 CALENDAR YEAR; OR
(II) THREE CONSECUTIVE SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY 31 BOARD.

1 (B) BEFORE REMOVING A MEMBER, THE STATE BOARD SHALL SEND THE 2 MEMBER A COPY OF THE CHARGES AGAINST THE MEMBER AND GIVE THE MEMBER 3 AN OPPORTUNITY WITHIN 10 DAYS TO REQUEST A HEARING.

4 (C) IF THE MEMBER REQUESTS A HEARING WITHIN THE 10-DAY PERIOD:
(1) THE STATE BOARD PROMPTLY SHALL HOLD A HEARING, BUT A 6 HEARING MAY NOT BE SET WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE STATE BOARD SENDS THE 7 MEMBER A NOTICE OF THE HEARING; AND
(2) THE MEMBER SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD 9 PUBLICLY BEFORE THE STATE BOARD IN THE MEMBER'S OWN DEFENSE, IN PERSON, 0 OR BY COUNSEL.
(D) A MEMBER REMOVED UNDER THIS SECTION HAS THE RIGHT TO A DE 12 NOVO REVIEW OF THE REMOVAL BY THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR TALBOT COUNTY.

3 3-12A-03.
4 AT ITS FIRST MEETING AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR, THE 5 COUNTY BOARD SHALL ELECT A PRESIDENT AND A VICE PRESIDENT FROM AMONG 16 ITS MEMBERS.

7 3-12A-04.
(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE VOTING MEMBERS 9 SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS SET BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

20 (B) (1) THE SALARY OF EACH VOTING MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD 21 SHALL BE AT LEAST \$3,200.
(2) THE SALARY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE 23 AT LEAST \$3,600.

24 3-12A-05.
25 (A) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EACH MONTH.
26 (B) EXCEPT FOR THOSE ACTIONS AUTHORIZED BY SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS 27 SECTION, ALL ACTIONS OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE TAKEN AT A PUBLIC 28 MEETING AND A RECORD OF THE MEETING AND ALL ACTIONS SHALL BE MADE 29 PUBLIC.

30 (C) THE COUNTY BOARD MAY TAKE ACTIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN 31 ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-508 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

32 3-12A-06.
33 (a) (1) There shall be one nonvoting student member on the Talbot County
34 Board of Education.

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$12 \quad$ [(ii) For the 1997-1998 school year, the student member shall be 13 elected as soon as possible at the beginning of the 1997-1998 school year.
$14 \quad$ (3) The position of student member shall alternate annually between a 15 student from St. Michaels High School and Easton High School.

18 the student member [from that high school].

21 that student] COUNTY BOARD shall [elect] APPOINT another student member to
22 the vacancy in accordance with its procedures.
(a) District 1 consists of:
(1) Talbot precinct 01-001:
(i) Blocks (960200): 2043, 3000 through 3006, 3008 through 3011,

31 32 3012, 3013, 3019, 3034 through 3037, and 3050; and
(ii) Blocks (960300): 1019 through 1037, 1040 through 1046, 1048

34 through 1050, 2000 through 2003, 2005 through 2007, 2009 through 2012, and 2018
35 through 2022;

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4 through 2069, 3000 through 3020, 4003 through 4008, 4018, and 4019;

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7 81032 through 1036, 1042, and 2062;

14 (6) Talbot precinct 3-002: Blocks (960900): 2004, 2022, and 3014;

20 (b) District 2 consists of:

23 through 3049, and 3053 through 3064; and

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1 (5) Talbot precinct 3-003: Blocks (960900): 1000 through 1050, 2001, 2005 through 2017, 2046 through 2071; and
(c) District 3 consists of:
(d) District 4 consists of:
(6) Undefined voting districts:
(i) Blocks (960200): 3991, 3992, and 3995 through 3998;
(ii) Blocks (960300): 2998; and
(iii) Blocks (960900): 1997 through 1999, 2999, and 4035;
(1) Talbot precinct 01-001: Blocks (960300): 1038, 1039, and 1047;
(2) Talbot precinct 01-002:
(i) Blocks (960400): 2054 through 2056; and
(ii) Blocks (960500): 2023 through 2027, 2030, and 2031;
(3) Talbot precinct 01-003:
(i) Blocks (960300): 1000 through 1018;
(ii) Blocks (960400): 1005, 1007 through 1017, 1022 through 1026, 1028 through 1031, 1037 through 1041, and 2000 through 2050; and
(iii) Blocks (960500): 2011 through 2013, 2028, and 2029;
(4) Talbot precinct 01-005: Blocks (960500): 1012, 1013, 1022 through
(5) Talbot precinct 04-001:
(i) Blocks (960100): 2098 and 2996; and
(ii) Blocks (960500): 2998; and
(6) Undefined voting districts:
(i) Blocks (960100): 2997; and
(ii) Blocks (960500): 2999;
(1) Talbot precinct 01-004:
(i) Blocks (960100): 1067; and

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7 8 through 2097, 2099, 2100 through 2107, and 2994; and

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30 and 1996;
(1) Talbot precinct 01-001:
(i) Blocks (960200): 2000 through 2018, and 2020 through 2042;

## (2) Talbot precinct 01-004:

(i) Blocks (960100): 1066; and
(ii) Blocks (960200): 1000 through 1006, 1009 through 1039, 1995,
(2) Talbot precinct 01-002:
(i) Blocks (960400): 2070, 3021 through 3046, 4000 through 4002,
(ii) Blocks (960500): 3000 through 3056, 3059 through 3068, 3076,
(ii) Blocks (960600): 1000 through 1005, 1090, and 1091;

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8 through 4021, 4027, 4028, and 4039 through 4048;
9 (5) Talbot precinct 02-003:
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121061 through 1083, 1088, and 1089; and
13 (6) Undefined voting district:
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19 through 1029, 1032 through 1035, 3000 through 3022, 4000 through 4016, 4022
20 through 4026, and 4029 through 4038;

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(2) Talbot precinct 02-002;
(3) Talbot precinct 05-001;
(4) Talbot precinct 05-002;
(5) Talbot precinct 05-003; and
(6) Undefined voting district:
(i) Blocks (960700): 1998, 2024, and 2997; and
(ii) Blocks (960800): 1996, 1998, 2994, and 2998.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the appointed members of the Talbot County Board expire as follows:
(2) The term of the appointed member whose term is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2006, shall terminate at the end of December 31, 2006, and the member 8 elected from district 3 at the general election in November 2006, shall succeed that 9 appointed member and serve for a term of 4 years until a successor is elected and 10 qualifies;
(b) (1) The term of the appointed member whose term is scheduled to expire 2 on June 30, 2007, shall terminate at the end of December 31, 2008, and the member elected from district 6 at the general election in November 2008, shall succeed that appointed member and serve for a term of 4 years until a successor is elected and qualifies; 7 on June 30, 2008, shall terminate at the end of December 31, 2008, and the member appointed member and serve for a term of 4 years until a successor is elected and qualifies; and
(3) The term of the appointed member whose term is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2009, shall terminate at the end of December 31, 2008, and the member elected from district 5 at the general election in November 2008, shall succeed that appointed member and serve for a term of 4 years until a successor is elected and qualifies.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 20 of Chapter 289 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002. If that termination provision takes effect, Section $4 \underline{3}$ of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 7 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

