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§3-1401.

(a) The Worcester County Board consists of seven voting members and one nonvoting student member from each public high school in the county.

(b) (1) The seven voting members of the Worcester County Board shall be elected at a general election.

(2) Members of the Worcester County Board shall be elected in accordance with Title 8, Subtitle 8 of the Election Law Article.

(c) (1) A member from a county commissioner district shall be a resident of the district.

(2) A member from a county commissioner district who no longer resides in the district may not continue as a member of the county board.

(3) Notwithstanding § 3-114(f) of this title or any other law, a school bus contractor is eligible to serve as a member of the county board.

(d) Of the seven voting members of the county board, one shall be elected from each of the seven county commissioner districts.

(e) A member serves for a term of 4 years beginning on the January 1 after the member's election and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

(f) (1) One member shall be elected from each of the county commissioner districts 1, 4, 6, and 7 at the November 2002 general election.

(2) One member shall be elected from each of the county commissioner districts 2, 3, and 5 at the November 2004 general election.

(g) (1) The county commissioners shall appoint a new member to fill any vacancy on the county board for the remainder of that term and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

(2) A resident of the district in which a vacancy exists may apply to the county commissioners to fill the vacancy.

(3) The county commissioners shall adopt rules for the application procedure to fill a vacancy on the county board.

(h) (1) Each student member shall:

(i) Be a 12th grade student in the Worcester County public school

system elected by the high school students of the public school which the student attends, in accordance with procedures established by the school system;

(ii) Serve for 1 year beginning on July 1 after the election of the member;

(iii) Be a nonvoting member; and

(iv) Advise the board on the interests of students.

(2) Unless invited to attend by an affirmative vote of a majority of the county board, the student members may not attend an executive session.

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