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§3-401.

- (a) The Carroll County Board consists of:
  - (1) Five voting members;
  - (2) Subject to subsection (f) of this section, one nonvoting student representative; and
  - (3) The County Commissioners, who are nonvoting ex officio members.
- (b) A candidate elected to the county board shall be a resident and registered voter of Carroll County. Any member who no longer resides in Carroll County may not continue as a member of the board.
- (c) (1) Voting members of the Carroll County Board shall be elected as follows:
  - (i) Two members of the board shall be elected in the November general election of 1994 and every 4 years thereafter;
  - (ii) Two members of the county board shall be elected in the November general election of 1996 and every 4 years thereafter; and
  - (iii) One member of the county board shall be elected in the November general election of 1998 and every 4 years thereafter.
- (2) Voting members of the county board shall be elected:
  - (i) At a general election as required by this section; and
  - (ii) On a general countywide ticket.
- (d) (1) Each voting member serves for a term of 4 years beginning the first Monday in December immediately following the voting member's election and until a successor is elected and qualifies. The terms of the voting members are staggered as required for the elections to the county board in subsection (c)(1) of this section.
- (2) The Governor shall appoint a new voting member to fill any vacancy on the board for the remainder of that term and until a successor is elected and qualifies.
- (3) A voting member of the county board as of October 1, 1993, and any voting member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term of such member, shall hold office during his term and until a successor is elected and qualifies.
- (e) (1) The State Board may remove a voting member of the county board for:

- (i) Immorality;
- (ii) Misconduct in office;
- (iii) Incompetency; or
- (iv) Willful neglect of duty.

(2) Before removing a voting member, the State Board shall send the member a copy of the charges against him and give him an opportunity within 10 days to request a hearing.

(3) If the voting member requests a hearing within the 10-day period:

(i) The State Board promptly shall hold a hearing, but a hearing may not be set within 10 days after the State Board sends the member a notice of the hearing; and

(ii) The voting member shall have an opportunity to be heard publicly before the State Board in his own defense, in person or by counsel.

(4) A voting member removed under this subsection has the right to a de novo review of the removal by the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

(f) (1) The student representative shall:

(i) Be an eleventh or a twelfth grade student in the Carroll County public school system elected by the high school students of the county in accordance with procedures established by the school system;

(ii) Be a student government association representative at the student's high school;

(iii) Serve for 1 year beginning on July 1 after the election of the student representative; and

(iv) Advise the county board on the thoughts and feelings of students in Carroll County public schools.

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

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