

shall appoint biennially in each county of the State and in the City of Baltimore, three persons who shall constitute the Board of Supervisors of Elections of said county or city, as the case may be. Said Supervisors shall be residents and voters in their respective counties or in the City of Baltimore, and two of them shall always be selected from the two leading political parties of the State, one from each of said parties.

(b) *Substitute Supervisors.* The Governor at the same time and in like manner shall appoint to each Board two substitute Supervisors, selected from the two leading political parties of the State, one from each of such parties. In the event of the temporary or permanent incapacity from any cause of a regular member of said Board, or in the event of a vacancy from any cause on the regularly constituted Board, the substitute of the same political party as the regular member so incapacitated or causing the vacancy shall serve in his place until such incapacity shall have terminated or said vacancy shall have been filled as hereinafter provided; and while so serving, the said substitute shall have all the powers and authority and be subject to all the duties imposed by law upon a regularly appointed Supervisor.

(c) *Vacancies.* In case of any vacancy on any Board of Supervisors, whether as to a regular or a substitute member thereof, by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, occurring when the Senate is not in session, the Governor shall appoint some eligible person to fill such vacancy ~~for the remainder of the term of office of the person originally appointed~~ UNTIL THE END OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR UNTIL SOME OTHER PERSON IS APPOINTED TO THE SAME OFFICE, WHICHEVER SHALL FIRST OCCUR; provided, however, that if the latter was appointed as the representative of a political party, then only a person belonging to the same political party shall be eligible as his successor.

(d) *Eligible List.* Before appointing such Supervisors of Elections, whether as regular or substitute members of their respective Boards, and before filling any vacancy as hereinbefore provided, the Governor shall request the State Central Committees representing each of the two leading political parties of the State in each county and in the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, to designate at least four eligible candidates affiliated with the political party of such State Central Committee for each such position. The Governor shall appoint one of the persons so designated, unless in his judgment all of said persons shall be unfit or incompetent. In such latter event he shall file a written statement to that effect with the Secretary of State, setting forth such fact and the grounds therefor, and shall call upon the said Committee for the county or City, as the case may be, for an additional list of at least four names of persons affiliated with the political party of such State Central Committee and from such supplementary list he shall make the particular appointment. IF SUCH A LIST OR ADDITIONAL LISTS IS NOT SUBMITTED BY SUCH STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE HEREWITH WITHIN TEN TWENTY DAYS AFTER SUCH REQUEST, THEN THE GOVERNOR MAY MAKE SUCH APPOINTMENT FROM PERSONS OF HIS OWN SELECTION AFFILIATED WITH THE POLITICAL PARTY OF SUCH STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.