

## ARTICLE 96B.

### WATER RESOURCES.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policy of the State.</li> <li>2. Members of Commission; term; quorum; records; employees.</li> <li>3. Surveys, maps, studies and program.</li> <li>4-8. Permits required; application; requirements.</li> <li>9. Examination of reservoirs, dams, etc.</li> <li>10. Time limit of permits.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Rules and regulations.</li> <li>12. Appeals.</li> <li>13. Penalties.</li> <li>14. Enforcement.</li> <li>15. Construction of article.</li> <li>16. Saving clause.</li> <li>17. Not in substitution of existing laws.</li> </ol> |
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1933, ch. 526, sec. 1.

1. In order to conserve, protect and utilize the water resources of the State, in accordance with the best interests of the people of Maryland, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to control, so far as practicable, the appropriation or use of surface and underground waters of the State. It is also declared to be the policy of the State for the purpose of promoting the public safety and welfare, to control and supervise so far as is practicable, the construction, reconstruction and repair of dams, reservoirs and all other water-works in any of the waters of the State.

1933, ch. 526, sec. 2.

2. The Water Resources Commission is hereby created. The Commission shall consist of the Chief Sanitary Engineer of the State Department of Health of Maryland, the Chairman of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, the State Geologist, and two other members to be appointed by the Governor. The two members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of four years, except that one of the two first appointed shall serve for two years, and his successor for four years, so that the term of one of the two appointed by the Governor shall expire biennially. The terms of those first appointed by the Governor shall begin on the first day of June, 1933. In case of a vacancy, the Governor shall make an appointment for the unexpired term. All members shall serve without compensation, but they shall be allowed any reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this Article. The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Commission. The Commission shall maintain offices which may be located in any other offices of existing departments of the State. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, and no action shall be taken or refused unless by the concurring vote of not less than three members. The Commission shall keep permanent and complete records of its proceedings, meetings, hearings, orders and decisions. The Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to employ such persons as may be necessary in the performance of its duties and in the exercise of its powers, engineering, clerical or otherwise, and pay the compensation and incur the necessary expenses, within the limits of appropriations in the Budget Bill.