

sources", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. There is hereby created a State agency to be known as The Board of Natural Resources to co-ordinate the activities of the several State Departments that are concerned with the conservation of natural resources. The Board shall be composed of the Chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, the State Game Warden, the State Forester, the Director of the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, the Director of Research and Education and eight other members to be appointed by the Governor, two from the tidewater Counties of the Eastern Shore, two from the tidewater counties of the Western Shore, and four from the State at large. Two of those appointed from the tidewater counties shall have practical knowledge of tidewater fisheries and shall have no financial interest in the fisheries industry. The Chairman of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries shall serve as Chairman of the Board and for his services as Chairman he shall receive such compensation as shall be provided in the State Budget.

2. The term of office of the six appointed members of the Board shall be six years from June 1, 1941 but of those first appointed, one shall serve for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years and one for six years. On and after June 1, 1947, there shall be eight appointed members of said Board, and any appointments or re-appointments made after said June 1, 1947, shall be for a term of four years. The Governor may remove any appointed member for cause, and may fill any vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term of office in which such vacancy occurs. The members shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses and disbursements incurred in attending meetings or performing other official duties. The Board shall be required to meet at least once every two months, and special meetings may be called by the chairman or upon the written request of five members of the Board. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

4. The Board shall appoint in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System law an Executive Secretary and such other employees as it deems necessary, who shall receive such compensation as may be provided in the Budget. The Executive Secretary shall be a person with executive ability and experience and with knowledge of the general principles involved in the conservation, development and restoration of the natural resources of the State and shall receive such compensation as shall be provided in the State Budget.