

SUBTITLE 10. YOUNG FARMERS ADVISORY BOARD.

2-1001.

THERE IS A YOUNG FARMERS ADVISORY BOARD IN THE DEPARTMENT.

2-1002.

(A) THE YOUNG FARMERS ADVISORY BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF 12 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(B) OF THE 12 MEMBERS:

(1) ONE SHALL BE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE;

(2) ONE SHALL BE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

(3) ONE SHALL BE FROM THE FORESTRY PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;

(4) ONE SHALL BE FROM THE MARYLAND FARM BUREAU; AND

(5) EIGHT SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

(C) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ATTEMPT TO ENSURE REGIONAL DIVERSITY AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTED FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

(D) EACH MEMBER FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHALL:

(1) BE INTERESTED IN THE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND PRESERVATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL WAY OF LIFE IN MARYLAND;

(2) BE UNDER THE AGE OF 45 YEARS AT THE BEGINNING OF ~~A~~ THE MEMBER'S TERM;

(3) DERIVE AT LEAST 50% OF THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL INCOME FROM FARMING OR AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE; AND

(4) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.

(E) (1) EXCEPT FOR THE INITIAL TERMS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD, THE TERM OF A MEMBER SHALL BE 3 YEARS.

(2) (I) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON OCTOBER 1, 2004.

(II) THE TERMS OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS SHALL BE STAGGERED EVENLY BETWEEN 2 YEARS AND 3 YEARS AS THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL DETERMINE AT THE BOARD'S FIRST MEETING.