(Definition—Land Surveyor.) The term land surveyor as used in this Article shall mean a person who engages in the practice of land surveying as hereinafter defined.

(Definition—Land Surveying.) The practice of land surveying within the meaning and intent of this Article includes surveying of areas for their correct determination and description and for conveyancing, or for the establishment or re-establishment of land boundaries and the plotting of land and sub-divisions thereof.

(Definition—Board.) The term "Board" as used in this Article shall mean the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, provided for by this Article.

(Definition—Responsible Charge.) The term "responsible charge" as used in this Article shall mean the control and direction of the investigation, design, construction or operation of engineering work requiring initiative, professional skill and independent judgment.

1939, ch. 752, sec. 3.

3. (Board Appointment—Terms.) A State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is hereby created whose duty it shall be to administer the provisions of this Article. The Board shall consist of five professional engineers all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor from nominees recommended by the Maryland chapter or section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and who shall have the qualifications required by section 4. The Board shall consist of at least one Civil Engineer, one Mechanical Engineer, one Electrical Engineer, and one Chemical Engineer.

The above societies shall each recommend not more than three nominees for the first board. In filling a vacancy, there being only one engineer of that classification on the Board of the society of that classification only shall recommend not more than three nominees. If a vacancy occurs in a classification with two engineers on the board, each of the societies above mentioned shall recommend not more than three nominees.

The members of the first Board shall be appointed within ninety days after the passage of this Article, to serve for the following terms: One member for one year, one member for two years, one member for three years, one member for four years, and one member for five years, from the date of their appointment, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Every member of the Board shall receive a certificate of his appointment from the Governor and before beginning his term of office shall file with the Secretary of State his written oath or affirmation for the faithful discharge of his official duty. Each member of the Board first appointed hereunder shall receive a certificate of registration under this Article from the said Board. On the expiration of the term of any member, the Governor shall in the manner hereinbefore provided appoint for a term of five years a registered professional engineer, having the qualifications required by Section 4, to take the place of the member whose term on said Board is about to expire. Each member shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which such member is appointed or until a successor shall have been duly appointed and shall have qualified.