

and two shall be appointed for terms of three years. Thereafter, as the term of any member expires, his successor shall be appointed for a term of three years. Each member shall serve during the period for which appointed and until his successor has been selected. Should a vacancy occur for any reason, the Governor shall appoint another person to serve for the remaining portion of the unexpired term. When any appointment is made to fill a vacancy or an expired term, the new appointee shall be a person with qualifications similar to those of the next previous incumbent, so as to preserve the balance of representation for the several groups as provided in Section 59F of this sub-title.

59H. (Organization; Compensation; Bond). (a) The members of the Authority shall from time to time elect a Chairman from among their own members. The Authority shall meet at the call of the Chairman, or of any three members thereof. They may adopt by-laws covering their organization and procedure.

(b) The compensation of each member of the Authority shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) annually. If any member of the Authority shall already be a regular employee of the State of Maryland, or of any agency or department thereof, he shall serve without such compensation. Any member of the Authority may be reimbursed for his reasonable traveling expenses incurred on behalf of the Authority.

(c) The members of the Authority shall furnish bonds to the use of the State, in amounts and with corporate surety to be approved by the State Comptroller, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their duties under this sub-title. The premiums paid for all such bonds shall be treated as an expense of the Authority.

59-I. (Studies and Investigations.) The Authority may in its discretion make studies and investigations covering any phase of the production or marketing of tobacco in Maryland, and collaborate with other groups or agencies, including but not limited to, the University of Maryland and the State Board of Agriculture. It may provide information to tobacco growers and to the general public as to the relation between prices received by the producers of tobacco and the general commodity price level. It may conduct surveys among tobacco growers to determine their needs for better and more efficient production, handling, and marketing of tobacco. It may act to promote the more extensive use of tobacco grown in Maryland in both domestic and foreign markets.

59J. (Referenda). For the purpose of obtaining advice as to the formulation of its policy on any matter within