

CHAPTER 238.

AN ACT to establish a State Conservation Bureau and to make an appropriation therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there is hereby established a State Conservation Bureau, which shall be under the direction of a Commission of three members, who shall be appointed by the Governor. They shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. The Commission shall secure such assistance as may be necessary and shall have full power in carrying out the object of this Act.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Bureau shall have for its objects (1) a study of such problems connected with the utilization and conservation of the natural resources of the State as in the opinion of the Commission seems wise, or as the General Assembly may direct; (2) the co-operation with other State Bureaus in such manner as the Commission may think best; (3) the co-operation with the Federal Government or with national organizations in the carrying out of plans for the conservation of the State's resources; (4) the preparation of such publications from time to time as the Commission may deem to be for the best interests of the State.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the Commission shall present a report to the General Assembly before each meeting of the same, showing the progress and condition of the Bureau, together with such other information as they may deem necessary and helpful, or as the General Assembly may require.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That there is hereby appropriated the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) annually for the fiscal years 1911 and 1912 for the carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved, this 13th day of April, 1910, with the exception of the provision or item contained in Section 4 of the above Act, namely, "there is hereby appropriated the sum of fifteen hundred dollars annually for the fiscal years 1911 and 1912 for the carrying out of the provisions of this Act;" which said item or provision is approved with respect to the appropriation of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year 1911, and disapproved with respect to \$500 for said fiscal year 1911, and is further disapproved with respect to the said appropriation of \$1,500 for the fiscal year 1912.