

CHAPTER 508.

(Senate Bill 310)

AN ACT to alter and amend the law relating to the conservation of natural resources and the administration thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 1 to 12, inclusive, of Article 19A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Conservation of Natural Resources" be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a new sub-title "Board of Natural Resources" and four new Sections be and the same are hereby enacted, to be known as Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Article 19A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Conservation of Natural Resources", to read as follows:

BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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, Chairman of the Maryland Publicity Commission, and six 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 two from the State at large. The four 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.

2. The term of office of the six appointive 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. The Governor may remove any appointive member for cause, and may fill any vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term of office in