

it is the declared policy of the State to acquire control of and title to such lands as rapidly as financial resources of the State will permit.

54. (Definitions.) In this sub-title the following definitions shall apply, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

Natural resources shall be deemed to include forests, fish and game, water and water power, soils, minerals, and all other like sources of wealth. Woodlands or forest lands shall be construed as meaning any land of an area of three acres or more, held by the same owner or owners, and primarily devoted to the growth of forest products. The State Commission shall be deemed to refer to the Commission of State Forests and Parks. The District Board shall be deemed to refer to a District Forestry Board created under the conditions of this sub-title. Land owners shall be deemed to include every person, partnership, association, corporation, estate or other party owning woodlands, located in the State and residing in the United States or foreign countries.

55. (State Forestry Commission.) The administration of the forest conservation practices on privately owned forest land and the management of publicly owned forest lands is vested in the Department of State Forests and Parks. To assist that Department, as at present constituted by law, and without interfering with any of its powers and duties as heretofore established by law, the regularly constituted State Forests and Parks Commission of five members is hereby empowered to administer this law. Representatives of the U. S. Forest Service and the Agricultural Extension Service may meet with such Commission in an advisory capacity. The Commission shall keep a record of its proceedings. The State Commission and the District Boards hereinafter provided for, shall co-operate with existing public agencies in forest management practices, flood control, recreation, wild life management, and related activities. The Commission of State Forests and Parks shall have power to direct and coordinate the activities of the District Boards hereinafter provided for and shall have power to hear appeals from orders or decisions of such local Boards. Any person aggrieved by any order or decision of the State Commission may appeal therefrom, on matters of law, to the Circuit Court of the County in which he is a resident or, if he is a resident of Baltimore City, to the Baltimore City Court but the findings of the facts established by such State Commission shall be final.