

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted:*

*(The New Marsh Wholesale Produce Market Authority.) There is hereby created a body corporate and politic, to be known as The New Marsh Wholesale Produce Market Authority, which shall be deemed an instrumentality of the State of Maryland, and a public corporation, and by that name, style and title said body may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and complain and defend in all courts of law and equity. The Authority shall consist of nine members, all of whom shall be citizens of the State of Maryland. The Governor shall appoint four members who shall be representative of the produce distributing industry and two members who shall be representative producers of agricultural products. The Chief Engineer of the State of Maryland, the Director of Agriculture Extension State of Maryland, and the Director of Public Works of Baltimore City shall be ex officio members and the tenure of their office shall coincide with the term for which they hold the designated offices. In the event of a vacancy in any of the ex officio offices, the seat on the authority is to be taken by the interim or permanent successor. The initial appointments of the members representing the produce distributing industry shall be for one, two, three, and four years, and of those representing producers of agricultural products shall be for two and four years, with the further provisions that the term of one trade member shall expire each year and the term of one agricultural member shall expire each second year. The successors shall be appointed for terms of four years from the dates of expiration of their respective terms of office except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term, and any member of the Authority shall be eligible for reappointment. The Governor may, after notice in writing thirty days in advance of such action, remove any member for inefficiency, neglect or misconduct. Any member so notified shall be entitled to a hearing before the Governor, provided that request for such hearing be made in writing to the Governor not later than ten days after receipt of such notice. In the event of such removal, the Governor shall appoint a successor representing the same group as that of the member so removed. Immediately after such appointment, the members of the Authority shall enter upon their duties. The Authority shall elect one of its members as Chairman and another as Vice-Chairman, and shall also elect a Secretary-Treasurer who may or may not be a member of the Authority. Five members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy in the Authority shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the Authority. The members of the Authority shall be reimbursed for actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. Members other than ex officio may be paid such per diem compensation for their services, not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) each year, as the Authority may establish; provided, however, such reimbursement shall be made and such compensation shall be paid solely from funds provided under the authority of this Act. Meetings of the Authority shall be held at least quarterly and shall be called by written notice to each member at least ten days in advance of each meeting. The Authority shall make necessary rules and regulations for its own government. The Authority may delegate to one or more of its members, or to its officers, agents and employees such powers and duties as it may deem proper, provided that no contract*