

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sub-section A of Section 91, Section 93 and Sub-section B of Section 94 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Soil Conservation Districts", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

91. (State Soil Conservation Committee.) A. There is hereby established, in the State Board of Agriculture and the Regents of the University of Maryland, to serve as an agency of the State and to perform the functions conferred upon it in this sub-heading, the State Soil Conservation Committee. The following shall serve as members of the committee: the Director of the Maryland Experiment Station, the Director of the Maryland Agricultural Extension Service, the Director of the Maryland Department of State Forests and Parks, the Chairman of the State Board of Agriculture, *or other member of the Board he may designate*, the Dean of Agriculture of the University of Maryland, two soil conservation district supervisors from soil conservation districts organized in Maryland according to the provisions of this sub-heading, each of whom is to serve for a term of one year, to be appointed by the State Board of Agriculture, and the principal administrative officer for Maryland of the Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture. The committee shall adopt a seal, which seal shall be judicially noticed, and may perform such acts, hold such public hearings, and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the execution of its functions under this sub-heading.

93. (Election of Three Supervisors for Each District.) Within thirty (30) days after the date of issuance by the Secretary of State of a certificate of organization of a soil conservation district, nominating petitions may be filed with the State soil conservation committee to nominate candidates for supervisors of such district. The committee shall have authority to extend the time within which nominating petitions may be filed. No such nominating petition shall be accepted by the committee, unless it shall be subscribed by twenty-five (25) or more occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of such district. Land occupiers may sign more than one such nominating petition to nominate more than one candidate for supervisor. The committee shall give due notice of an election to be held for the election of three supervisors for the district. All occupiers of lands lying within the district shall be eligible to vote in such election. Only such land occupiers shall be eligible to vote. *One or more polling places may be designated and in addition, at the discretion of the State Committee, ballots may be cast by mail if properly identified with the voter.* The three candidates who shall receive the largest number, respectively, of the votes cast in such election shall be the elected supervisors for such district. The committee shall pay all the expenses of such election, shall supervise the conduct thereof, shall prescribe regulations governing the conduct of such election and the determination of the eligibility of voters therein, and shall publish the results thereof.

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B. The supervisors shall designate a chairman and may from time to time, change such designation. The term of office of each super-