

in Maryland, providing for the duties and powers of the Board, and relating to agriculture in the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 47A be and it is hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Agriculture", sub-heading "In General", to follow immediately after Section 47 thereof, and to read as follows:*

47.

(a) *It is the intent of the General Assembly in the enactment of this section to provide for Maryland agriculture a broadened representation in policy determinations with regard to agricultural matters in the State.*

(b) *For this purpose there is created the Agricultural Advisory Board of Maryland, which has the duty of formulating and making proposals for the advancement of Maryland agriculture, and of BY serving as an advisory body to the State Board of Agriculture on matters pertaining to agriculture.*

(c) *The Board shall consist of ~~nine~~ TEN persons, ~~to be~~ NINE OF WHOM SHALL BE appointed by the Governor of Maryland for terms of three years. Five members of the Board shall be active bona fide farmers, one of whom resides in each of the following regions of the State: (1) Lower Eastern Shore, which consists of Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties; (2) Upper Eastern Shore which consists of Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties; (3) Central Maryland, which consists of Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Montgomery Counties; (4) Western Maryland, which consists of Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington Counties; and (5) Southern Maryland, which consists of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties. Two members of the Board shall be active bona fide farmers and shall represent the State at large; and the remaining two members shall represent business or services directly related to agriculture. Of the NINE members first appointed to the Board, three shall serve for one year; three for two years; and three for three years; and thereafter all terms shall be for a period of three years. No person shall serve for more than two full three-year terms. THE TENTH MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, WHO SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, AND WHO SHALL HAVE ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, EXCEPT THAT HE SHALL NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE.*

(d) *The Chairman of the Board shall be selected by the members from among their ~~numbers~~ NUMBER. The Board shall also appoint a Secretary, and such other clerks and clerical help, with the salaries provided in the budget. The Board shall meet at the call of the Chairman, but is required to meet at least four times annually. The members of the Board shall receive no salary as members, but ~~are~~ SHALL BE reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings and other business of the Board.*

(e) *The ADVISORY Board shall submit its recommendations in writing, to the State Board of Agriculture, through its executive*