

CHAPTER 540

(House Bill 586)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 93 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition) title "Natural Resources", sub-title "AGRICULTURE" SUB-HEADING "Soil Conservation Districts", relating to the election of three supervisors to serve on the governing body of Soil Conservation Districts.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 93 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "AGRICULTURE", SUB-HEADING "Soil Conservation Districts", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

93.

Within thirty (30) days after the date of issuance by the Secretary of State of a certificate of organization of a soil conservation district, *and at any subsequent election,* [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 nomination petition to nominate more than one candidate for supervisor.] *Certificates of Candidacy may be filed with the State Soil Conservation Committee to nominate candidates for supervisors of such districts. No such Certificate of Candidacy shall be accepted unless it is signed by the applicant, dated and witnessed by at least two occupiers of land lying within the boundaries of such district. The Certificates of Candidacy must be submitted on a form provided by the State Soil Conservation Committee.* 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.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved April 24, 1961.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.