

of the General Assembly of Maryland, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates of the General Assembly of Maryland shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees. The twelve trustees shall be initially appointed by the Governor, SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND as follows: three members for terms of one year each; three members for terms of two years each; three members for terms of three years each; and three members for terms of four years each. As the terms of the appointed trustees expire and thereafter their successors shall be elected for a term of four years at any duly constituted regular or special meeting by unanimous vote of the trustees present.

In the event that a trustee for any reason fails to serve or to complete any appointed or elected term, a successor shall be elected for the remainder of such term at any duly constituted regular or special meeting by unanimous vote of the trustees present. Selection of trustees whether by appointment or election shall be such as to obtain a broad distribution from the professions and other occupations, and a broad geographical distribution, of trustees throughout the State of Maryland, insofar as is practicable and consistent with the purposes of the Trust.

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*The trustees shall serve without compensation.*

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*The trustees shall have the following powers and duties:*

(a) *To receive annual appropriations as may be provided in the budget;*

(b) *To sponsor, assist, conduct, or otherwise cause to be undertaken, comprehensive programs of research and education pertaining to the aesthetic, natural, health and welfare, scenic, or cultural qualities of Maryland's environment, including the provision of financial grants to public and private agencies, organizations, and persons engaged by the Trustees for consulting and other special participation in these programs.*

(c) *To acquire and hold real and personal property, or any interest therein, of aesthetic, scenic, or cultural significance, or of significance to the health and welfare of the public, by lease, gift, purchase, devise, bequest, or by any other means, and to conserve, improve, administer, invest, or dispose of such properties for the purposes of the Trust outlined in Section 181-L, and in the acquisition of such properties to acquire property adjacent thereto deemed necessary for the proper use and administration of the Trust;*

(d) *To accept gifts, grants, legacies, bequests, devises, and endowments for any purpose which falls within that of the Trust and, unless otherwise specified by the person making such gift, grant, legacy, bequest, devise, or endowment, the trustees may expend both principal and income of any such gift, grant, legacy, bequest, devise, or endowment of money or invest the same in whole or in part in general obligations of the State of Maryland or other securities, in furtherance of the Trust, as they may decide, if a quorum is present, by the affirmative vote of a minimum of seven members of the trustees at any duly constituted regular or special meeting;*