

mission in accordance with the Merit System Law] *Governor, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Natural Resources. The Director shall hold office under and subject to the provisions of Section 234(c) of Article 41 of this Code.* The Director shall be a person with executive ability and special training and experience in handling problems in the fields of geology and water resources. The [Commission] *Director shall appoint, in accordance with the Merit System Law, such assistants and other employees as may be provided for in the budget subject to the provisions of Section 234(C) of Article 41 of this Code.*

There shall also be attached to said [Department] *Maryland Geological Survey* a Bureau of Mines, headed by a Director, who shall, *subject to the supervision of the Director of the Maryland Geological Survey, have charge of the activities set forth in Sections 486 to 656, inclusive, of this article.*

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted, That Sections 113, 114, 115 and 116 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, all to read as follows:*

113.

(a) *The Department of Game and Inland Fish is hereby created as part of the Department of Natural Resources. A commission to be known as the Game and Inland Fish Commission is hereby created as part of the Department of Game and Inland Fish. The Commission shall consist of five citizens of this State, four of whom shall be appointed by the [Governor] Secretary of Natural Resources, with the advice and consent of the Senate, one from each of the four regional wildlife administrative areas of the State, and the remaining member may be appointed by the [Governor] Secretary of Natural Resources, with the advice and consent of the Senate, at large from a list of names submitted to him by interested organizations, including the Maryland Wildlife Federation, the Izaak Walton League and the Farm Bureau. No person shall be appointed to said Commission unless said person has been a resident of the State for a period of at least three years prior to said appointment; and said person shall be well-informed on the subject of wildlife conservation.*

No person shall serve as a member of the Commission for a period in excess of two full consecutive terms, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent a person's reappointment after the expiration of a two-year period.

(b) The members of the Commission shall hold office for terms of five (5) years and shall receive no compensation for their services as members thereof, except that each Commissioner shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred or made by him in the discharge of his official duties to be paid from the State Game Protection Fund within budget limitations.

(c) Upon the death, resignation or removal from office of any person so appointed as aforesaid, the [Governor] *Secretary of Natural Resources* shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The [Governor] *Secretary of Natural Resources* may remove a Commissioner for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office.