

Maryland Geological Survey, who shall act as chairman; two (2) representatives from the mining industry; two (2) soil conservation district supervisors from the soil conservation districts of Allegany and Garrett counties; and three (3) representatives from the [Board] Department of Natural Resources representing the Departments of Game and Inland Fish, Forests and Parks, and Water Resources; and one (1) individual representing the Bureau of Mines. All members of the Committee except the chairman shall be appointed by the *Secretary of Natural Resources, upon the recommendations of the Director of the Maryland Geological Survey* [Commission] for an indefinite term. Vacancies shall be filled by the ~~Commission~~ SECRETARY as in original appointments. The Committee members shall serve without compensation, other than reimbursement for travel and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this subheading. These expenses will be provided for in the budget of Maryland Geological Survey. The chairman shall call the meetings, but in no case shall meetings be held less often than twice a year.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted, That new Sections 2(h), 2(i) and 2(j) of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "General Provisions," are hereby enacted, and that Section 55 of the same Article 96A, title "Water Resources," subtitle "Appeals," be and it is hereby repealed, and that Sections 3, 4, 5 and 54 of the same Article 96A, title "Water Resources," subtitles "General Provisions," and "Appeals," be and are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, all to read as follows:*

2.

(h) *"Principal Department" shall mean the Department of Natural Resources;*

(i) *"Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources.*

(j) *"Board of Review" shall mean the Board of Review of the Department of Natural Resources.*

3.

(a) The [administrative] head of the Department shall be the Director, who shall be appointed by the [Commission with the approval of the Governor in accordance with the merit system law] Governor, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Natural Resources. The Director is subject to removal as provided in Section 234(c) of Article 41 of this Code. The Director shall be a person with executive ability and experience and with knowledge of the general principles involved in the planning, management, conservation and administration of water resources. The Director shall receive the salary provided in the annual State budget.

(b) The Director shall be responsible for the exercise of all the powers and duties conferred upon the Department by the provisions of this article, subject to the authority of the Secretary as provided by law.