

heads of tobacco to have the same reopened, and if it shall be found that the sample does not correctly represent said tobacco, the said committee or a majority of them, shall select a sample which shall correctly represent it, and the new sample shall be substituted in the place of the rejected sample, at no cost to the owner or owners; provided, that if said sample shall be found by said committee to properly represent said tobacco, then the cost of the reopening said tobacco shall be paid by the owner or owners of the same, and said costs shall be one dollar per hogshead.

## 56.

(a) The Tobacco Authority of the State of Maryland, hereinafter referred to as the Authority, is hereby created *as part of the Department of Agriculture* and constituted a body corporate, with authority to have and use a common seal, to sue and be sued in a court of law, and to any and all things as empowered by this subtitle or reasonably necessary and proper for accomplishing the purposes thereof, *subject to the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture as set forth in Article 41 of this Code or elsewhere in the laws of Maryland.*

(b) The Authority shall have eight members, all to be appointed by the Governor. One member shall be a person familiar with the economics and marketing of Maryland tobacco, to be selected from a list of three nominees to be submitted by the [University of Maryland, or some proper officer thereof] *Secretary of Agriculture*. One shall be a representative of the several persons or agencies selling leaf tobacco in Maryland, to be selected from a list of three nominees submitted by the several tobacco selling agencies in Maryland, or any of them. One member shall be a representative of the several persons or agencies buying leaf tobacco in Maryland. Five members shall be at the time of their selection producers of tobacco in Maryland and shall neither directly nor indirectly have any financial or other interest in the selling or buying of tobacco, except insofar as they have interests as producers; such five persons shall be selected from a list of fifteen nominees submitted by the Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc., and at least two of such five persons shall be a member of that political party which polled the second highest number of votes in the last preceding gubernatorial election. Provided, however, that no two producer members of the Authority shall be residents of the same county.

## 58.

(a) The members of the Authority shall from time to time elect a chairman from among their own members. The Authority shall meet at the call of the chairman, *the Secretary of Agriculture*, or of any four members thereof. They may adopt bylaws covering their organization and procedure.

## 61.

(k) The Authority, *subject to approval by the Secretary of Agriculture*, shall have the power to make such reasonable rules and regulations and to do such reasonable acts as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this subtitle.