

or hereafter assigned to it, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation, and the salaries of such employees shall be payable out of such funds as are now or may hereafter be appropriated to said Board for the general purposes thereof or for specific purposes, as designated from time to time. The executive officers and heads of departments shall be appointed by a majority of the whole Board, and shall not be removed from office except by a majority vote of the whole Board, when in their judgment the good of the work demands. The Board may also delegate the power to employ and discharge employees to executive officers or heads of departments. The Board shall establish an office or offices for the transaction of its business at such place or places as to it shall seem most expedient, and is empowered to do any and all things necessary or proper for the performance of its duties. The Board shall at all times maintain one vice-presidency whose incumbent shall have the primary duty of coordinating the College of Agriculture, Experiment Station, the extension service and the service and control programs of the University of Maryland and who shall serve ex officio as a member of the Maryland Agricultural Commission. There shall be a standing committee on agricultural activities; the membership of this committee shall consist of the three Board members appointed from the lists submitted by the Maryland Agricultural Commission, two of whom shall be nominated at the expiration of the terms of those members appointed to represent the Grange and the Farm Bureau on the board of regents—State Board of Agriculture; the committee members shall be ex officio members of the Maryland Agricultural Commission, for such period of time as they are still serving as members of the board of regents—State Board of Agriculture. The entire State Board of Agriculture is required to meet with the Maryland Agricultural Commission as often as is deemed necessary but not less than once each year at one of the said Commission's regular meetings.】

#### 47A. Agricultural Commission.

(a) Legislative intent.—It is the intent of the General Assembly in the enactment of this section to provide for Maryland agriculture a broadened representation in policy determinations with regard to agricultural matters in the State.

(b) Creation of Commission; duty.—For this purpose there is created *within the Department of Agriculture* the Maryland Agricultural Commission, which has the duty of formulating and making proposals for the advancement of Maryland agriculture by serving as an advisory body to the [State Board] *Secretary of Agriculture* on matters pertaining to agriculture. MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1973 SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR TERMS.

(c) Composition of Commission; appointment and terms of members.—The Commission shall consist of [not more than nineteen] *seventeen* persons, [fifteen] *sixteen* of whom shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of three years as follows: (1) two from a list of not less than four nominees representing the dairy segment; (2) two from a list of not less than four nominees representing the poultry segment; (3) one from a list of not less than two nominees representing the livestock segment; (4) one from a list of not less than two nominees representing the tobacco segment;