

61.

The Maryland State Fair Board, to be composed of nine members, is hereby created *as part of the Department of Agriculture*. Said members shall be representative of all phases of the agricultural interest of this State, shall serve without compensation and shall be appointed by the Governor, *with the advice of the Secretary of Agriculture*. [Upon the appointment of the original members to said Board, the Governor, shall designate three of such members to serve for one year, three to serve for two years and three to serve for three years from July 1, 1947. Thereafter the] *The term of office of members shall be three years, but members appointed to fill vacancies in unexpired terms shall serve for the remainder of such terms. Each member shall serve after expiration of his term until his successor qualifies.*

62.

The Board shall annually elect a chairman from among its members. Meetings of the Board shall be held at such times and places as the chairman *or Secretary of Agriculture* may designate by notice to the members. Six members shall constitute a quorum, but action by the Board shall require assent of a majority of all its members. The Board shall keep a complete record of its proceedings and shall, on or before December first in each year, make an annual report of its activities and expenditures to the Governor and General Assembly. The Board, *subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture*, shall have the power and authority to employ such clerks, stenographers, field representatives, assistants and other employees as it may deem necessary in order to perform the duties of and exercise the powers conferred upon the Board by the provisions of this subheading and as may be provided in the State budget. The Board shall establish a permanent office and shall be supplied with all appliances and incidentals necessary for the proper discharge of its duties. The salaries or compensation of all clerks, stenographers, field representatives, assistants, and other employees of the Board, and the cost of maintaining and supplying the permanent office of the Board shall be paid from such funds as shall be provided in the State budget.

63.

It shall be the function of the Board to encourage and foster agriculture in this State through promotion and assistance of agriculture fairs, exhibits, or other activities. For this purpose, the Board, *subject to approval of the Secretary of Agriculture*, shall have sole and complete control of the distribution of and expenditure of all funds allocated to it by the provisions of Sections 15 and 22 of Article 78B of this Code, for the payment of premium awards, promotional and educational activities or otherwise, either in connection with a bona fide agricultural fair, exhibit or activity, as determined by the Board, or in connection with one State fair each year, as designated by the Board. The Board shall, *subject to approval of the Secretary of Agriculture*, from time to time, promulgate rules and regulations to govern the conduct, qualifications and requirements of agricultural fairs, exhibits or activities to which allocations or distributions may be made as provided in this section, and no such agricultural fair, exhibit, or activity shall be entitled to receive any