

THE TIME OF THEIR SELECTION AND DO NOT HAVE ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE BUYING OR SELLING OF LEAF TOBACCO, EXCEPT A PRODUCER'S INTEREST. THEY SHALL BE SELECTED FROM A LIST OF 15 NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND FARM BUREAU, INC. AT LEAST TWO OF THE FIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL PARTY WHICH RECEIVED THE SECOND HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE PRECEDING GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION. NO TWO PRODUCER MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY MAY BE RESIDENTS OF THE SAME COUNTY.

(B) TENURE.

THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER IS THREE YEARS OR UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS SELECTED AND QUALIFIES.

(C) VACANCIES.

IF A VACANCY OCCURS FOR ANY REASON, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT ANOTHER PERSON TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM. ANY NEW APPOINTEE FOR AN EXPIRED OR UNEXPIRED TERM SHALL BE A PERSON WITH QUALIFICATIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE NEXT PREVIOUS INCUMBENT, SO AS TO PRESERVE THE BALANCE OF REPRESENTATION FOR THE SEVERAL GROUPS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) is new language derived from Art. 48, §56(b) of the Code. In sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) references in §56(b) to a "representative of the several persons or agencies selling leaf tobacco" and "a representative of the several persons or agencies buying leaf tobacco" are omitted. References to "a person who is in the business of buying leaf tobacco" and "a person who is in the business of selling leaf tobacco" are substituted. The word "agency" is not used because it can be interpreted to connote a public agency.

In sub-paragraph (2), the present provision requiring the Authority to select a member from a list of three submitted by tobacco selling agencies is proposed for deletion because it is meaningless. There are no tobacco selling agencies in the State.

Subsections (b) and (c) presently appear as Art. 48, §57 of the Code. In subsection (b) the reference to the "seven" members of the