

assistance, and the Commission shall furnish the Secretary with such information as the Secretary may require to make said determinations. On or before August 1, 1972, and on or before August 1 of each year thereafter, the Commission shall furnish to the Secretary its proposed budget for the following fiscal year. Thereafter, the Commission shall promptly notify the Secretary of and obtain his approval for any changes in the proposed budget for regional projects funded under this section. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Chapter 780 of the Laws of Maryland, (1959), as amended, the Secretary may require an annual audit of the Commission's operations relating to any projects financed in whole or in part by payments to the Commission from the Department [of State Planning].

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 14 through 27 be and they are hereby added to Article 88C - State Planning, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 88C - State Planning

14. STATE LAND USE BOARD.

THE STATE LAND USE BOARD IS CREATED AS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF BUDGET, OFFICE SPACE, AND SUPPLIES. THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 3A, 3B, AND 226 AND 228 OF ARTICLE 41 OF THE MARYLAND CODE AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE BOARD DO NOT APPLY.

15. MEMBERSHIP, TENURE, CHAIRMAN, COMPENSATION.

[[(A) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE. OF THE NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED, THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE. THERE SHALL BE ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REGIONS OF THE STATE: (1) BALTIMORE CITY; (2) BALTIMORE COUNTY; (3) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY; (4) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY; (5) MONTGOMERY COUNTY; (6) ALLEGANY, FREDERICK, GARRETT AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES; (7) CALVERT, ST. MARY'S AND CHARLES COUNTIES; (8) CAROLINE, CECIL, KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S, TALBOT, DORCHESTER, SOMERSET, WICOMICO AND WORCESTER COUNTIES; AND (9) HARFORD, CARROLL AND HOWARD COUNTIES. THE GOVERNOR, IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENTS, SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE REPRESENTATION OF THE VARIOUS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND COMMUNITIES, AND BUSINESS, ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSERVATION INTERESTS IN THE STATE.]]

(A) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF ELEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED