

BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES. OF THE ELEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED, THERE SHALL BE ONE MEMBER [[REPRESENTING AGRICULTURE]] WHO IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FARMING, AND THERE SHALL BE ONE MEMBER RESIDING IN ONE OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TEN 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, AND TALBOT COUNTIES; (9) DORCHESTER, SOMERSET, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES; AND (10) HARBORD, 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.

(B) THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1975. OF THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS MADE, TWO SHALL BE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, [[TWO]] THREE SHALL BE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, [[TWO]] THREE SHALL BE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, AND THE REMAINING THREE SHALL BE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. THEREAFTER, ALL APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. ANY VACANCY ON THE BOARD SHALL BE FILLED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM ACCORDING TO THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBSECTION. THE CHAIRMAN SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR. MEMBERS MAY BE REAPPOINTED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBSECTION. THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE MEMBERS ONLY FOR CAUSE.

(C) MEMBERS SHALL BE COMPENSATED AS PROVIDED BY THE BUDGET. THE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST MONTHLY, AND AT ANY OTHER TIME AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN OR A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD.

(D) THE BOARD [[,]] MAY EMPLOY A DIRECTOR APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR TO SERVE AT ITS PLEASURE, AND MAY EMPLOY OTHER STAFF AND CONSULTANTS AS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET. THE DIRECTOR SHALL DEVOTE HIS ENTIRE TIME TO THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE, AND MAY NOT HOLD ANY OTHER POSITION OR OCCUPATION, OR ENGAGE IN ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH FULL ATTENTION TO THE WORK OF HIS OFFICE, OR WHICH WOULD BE INCONSISTENT OR APPEAR TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH HIS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD. THE DIRECTOR AND OTHER STAFF SHALL HAVE THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET. THE DIRECTOR AND OTHER STAFF ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD AND NOT THE DEPARTMENT.

(E) THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE DIRECTOR ARE