

districts; generally relating to appointment under the State merit system; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture
Section 8-203 and 8-205(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 64A - Merit System
Section 9-0
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 64A - Merit System
Section 50
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 8-203 and 8-205(c) of Article - Agriculture, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

8-203.

(a) The committee may employ an administrative officer, technical experts, and other permanent or temporary employees, it requires, and shall determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation.

(b) The committee may call upon the Attorney General for legal services it requires.

(c) AS AUTHORIZED BY THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET, THE COMMITTEE MAY EMPLOY CLERICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES TO BE ASSIGNED TO SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ORGANIZED UNDER THIS TITLE TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS IN CARRYING OUT THE CONSERVATION PROGRAM AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS TITLE. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF EMPLOYEES TO ASSIST IN THE OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT OR SIMILAR OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH A CHARGE IS MADE BY THE DISTRICT, OTHER THAN DEMONSTRATION TYPE PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.