

with amendments; and by repealing Section 2-508 of Article - Agriculture, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement); and that new Sections 2-504.1, 2-508, 2-509, 2-510, 2-511, 2-512, 2-513, ~~and 2-514~~ and 2-515 of said Article and Code be and they are hereby added; and all to read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

2-503.

(a) (1) The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation shall be governed and administered by a board of trustees composed of the State Treasurer, who shall serve as an ex officio member, and the Secretary who shall serve as an ex officio member, and [six] NINE members from the State at-large to be appointed by the Governor, at least [three] FIVE of whom shall be farmer representatives from different areas of the State. ONE OF THE AT-LARGE MEMBERS WHO IS NOT A FARMER REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING. ALL OF THE FARMER REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED, OR RETIRED FROM ACTIVE FARMING. THREE OF THE FIVE FARMER REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) ONE FROM A LIST OF THREE NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION;

(II) ONE FROM A LIST OF THREE NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND FARM BUREAU; AND

(III) ONE FROM A LIST OF THREE NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND STATE GRANGE.

(2) The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the board, from among the [six] NINE at-large trustees. A majority of the members of the board serving at any one time constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(b) Initially the trustees at-large shall be appointed for the following terms:

(1) Two for a term of four years;

(2) Two for a term of three years; and

(3) Two for a term of two years.]

(1) THE TERM OF ANY TRUSTEE AT-LARGE SERVING ON THE BOARD SHALL EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 1977. THE GOVERNOR THEN SHALL APPOINT TRUSTEES AT-LARGE FOR THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

(I) THREE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS;

(II) THREE FOR A TERM OF THREE