

SHALL BE OWNER-OPERATORS OF COMMERCIAL FARMS WHO EARN 50 PERCENT OR MORE OF THEIR INCOME FROM FARMING.

(B) IN EACH AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD, ORIGINAL MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

- (1) ONE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS;
- (2) TWO FOR TERMS OF FOUR YEARS; AND
- (3) TWO FOR TERMS OF FIVE YEARS.

THEREAFTER, TERMS OF OFFICE SHALL BE FIVE YEARS. NO MEMBER SHALL SERVE FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE FULL TERMS. APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY SHALL BE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

(C) DUTIES OF EACH AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD SHALL BE:

(1) TO ADVISE THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS AND THE APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OF EASEMENTS BY THE FOUNDATION WITHIN THE COUNTY;

(2) TO ASSIST THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY IN REVIEWING THE STATUS OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS AND LAND UNDER EASEMENT;

(3) TO ADVISE THE FOUNDATION CONCERNING COUNTY PRIORITIES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION;

(4) TO PROMOTE PRESERVATION OF AGRICULTURE WITHIN THE COUNTY BY OFFERING INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS AND PURCHASE OF EASEMENTS; AND

(5) TO PERFORM ANY OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY.

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[The foundation shall receive the funds provided in the state budget.]

(A) THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FUND IS CREATED AND CONTINUED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FUND SHALL COMPRISE:

~~(1) ALL MONEY PAID TO THE STATE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 81, SECTION 474 OF THE CODE; AND~~

(1) ANY MONEY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FUND BY GENERAL OR SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS; AND