

Bay-wide management to meet the long-term needs of the people of both Maryland and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Effective cooperation in and coordination of Bay management has been stressed by the Commission, and reports by citizen groups, the participants in the Bistate Conference on the Chesapeake Bay, and many other analyses directed toward optimal long-term balance in the management of the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, The State and the Commonwealth share the primary responsibility for the management of the Bay and activities affecting it; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has found that the provisions of this Agreement would enhance the ability of the respective state legislatures to evaluate and respond to problems of Bay-wide concern; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION
ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION.

8-302.

1. COMMISSION CREATED.

THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION, HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED AS "COMMISSION", IS HEREBY CREATED.

2. MEMBERS.

THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF FOURTEEN MEMBERS, SEVEN FROM VIRGINIA AND SEVEN FROM MARYLAND. IN EACH STATE, FIVE OF THE MEMBERS SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN MARYLAND, TWO SENATORS DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THREE DELEGATES DESIGNATED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL SERVE AS MEMBERS. THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS A MEMBER. IN ADDITION, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES SHALL JOINTLY SELECT TWO MARYLAND MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT LEGISLATORS ONE MARYLAND MEMBER WHO IS NOT A LEGISLATOR OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. IN VIRGINIA, TWO SENATORS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS AND THREE DELEGATES DESIGNATED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES SHALL SERVE AS MEMBERS. THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS A MEMBER. IN ADDITION, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES SHALL JOINTLY SELECT TWO ONE VIRGINIA MEMBERS MEMBER WHO ARE IS NOT LEGISLATORS A LEGISLATOR OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.