

## Article - Natural Resources

## SUBTITLE 19. CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

8-1901.

THERE IS A CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE RESTORATION AND PROTECTION OF THE WATER QUALITY, AND AQUATIC AND LAND RESOURCES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.

8-1902.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST IS DECLARED TO BE OF GENERAL BENEFIT TO THE CITIZENS AND CHARITABLE IN NATURE. THE TRUST SHALL BE A BODY CORPORATE AND SHALL HAVE PERPETUAL EXISTENCE, SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION OR TERMINATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IF NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE ITS PURPOSE OR WHEN AND IF ITS SUBSTANTIAL PURPOSE CEASES.

8-1903.

(A) THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST SHALL REST IN AND BE EXERCISED BY A BOARD OF 15 TRUSTEES.

(B) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CONSIST OF:

(1) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, EX OFFICIO;

(2) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, EX OFFICIO;

(3) THE SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, AND NATURAL RESOURCES, EX OFFICIO, OR THEIR DESIGNEES;

(4) 10 INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WHO SHALL REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, BUSINESS, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL CONSIDER GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

(D) EXCEPT FOR THE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OR THEIR DESIGNEES:

(1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS;

(2) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON JULY 1, 1985;

(3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES;

(4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM IS BEGUN SERVES FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES; AND