

with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and complain and defend in all courts of law and equity.

(b) The Authority consists of 12 members, all of whom shall be citizens of the State, one of whom shall be a resident of Howard County[, and three of whom shall be members of the New Marsh Wholesale Produce Market Authority, as the same was created by Chapter 662 of the Laws of Maryland of 1955, as amended by Chapter 845 of the Laws of Maryland of 1957]. The Director of Agricultural Extension, State of Maryland, the Comptroller of the State, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of General Services shall be ex officio members, and the tenure of their office shall coincide with the terms for which they hold the designated offices. In the event of a vacancy in any of the ex officio officers, the seat on the Authority is to be taken by the interim or permanent successor.

The Governor of the State of Maryland, with the advice and consent of the Senate[, within 30 days after June 1, 1967], shall appoint 5 members who shall be outstanding citizens of the State. [The original appointments of those five members, excluding the ex officio members, shall be made in such manner that the term of one member shall expire on July 1, 1968, the term of another member shall expire on July 1, 1969, the term of another member shall expire on July 1, 1970, the term of another member shall expire on July 1, 1971, and the term of the remaining member shall expire on July 1, 1972. In addition, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, within ten days, after July 1, 1972, shall appoint three members who shall be, as of July 1, 1972, members of the New Marsh Wholesale Produce Market Authority. The original appointments of these three members, excluding the ex officio members, shall be made in such manner that the term of one such member shall expire on July 1, 1974, the term of another such member on July 1, 1975, and the term of the remaining such member on July 1, 1976. The successors of those eight members] EACH MEMBER, excluding the ex officio members, shall be appointed for [terms] A TERM of five years from the dates of expiration of [their] THE MEMBER'S respective [terms] TERM of office, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. Any member of the Authority is eligible for reappointment. The Governor, after notice in writing to a member 30 days in advance of the action, may remove any member other than the ex officio members for inefficiency, neglect, or misconduct. Any member so notified shall be entitled to a hearing before the Governor, provided that request for a hearing be made in writing to the Governor not later than ten days after receipt of the notice. In the event of removal the Governor shall promptly appoint a successor.

(c) Immediately after appointment, the members of the Authority shall enter upon their duties. The Authority shall elect one of its members as chairman and another as vice-chairman, and it shall also elect a secretary-treasurer, who