

(a) The Nature Conservancy may submit to the Department a proposal outlining an area in which the Nature Conservancy, in cooperation with or on behalf of the St. Mary's City Commission, has secured or is considering securing title or other legal interest. The proposal shall include the location, acreage, explanation of planned use, and explanation of values which make the acreage of interest to the State.

(b) Within three months after receipt of the proposal, the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development] shall report to the Nature Conservancy his recommendations as to the suitability or nonsuitability of the proposal in relation to the aims of the St. Mary's City Commission, with copies to the Board of Public Works, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Part III of Title 4, Subtitle 4 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, and subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with other provisions of this article regarding the St. Mary's City Commission, the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development] may enter into agreements with the Nature Conservancy for the State to acquire title to or an interest in property owned by the Nature Conservancy or property on which the Nature Conservancy holds an option or a contract to purchase.

Subtitle [2.] 3. Commission on Afro-American
History and Culture

[15-201.]

[(a)] 5-301. The Commission on Afro-American History and Culture is [created as] a part of the Department [of Economic and Community Development]. [It] IN THIS SUBTITLE, IT shall be referred to as the "Commission."

[(b) (1)] 5-302. (A) The Commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of 4 years each. The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Commission on July 1, 1985.

[(2)] (B) Any Commissioner may be reappointed, except that any Commissioner who has served two consecutive 4 year terms may not be reappointed until at least 1 year after the expiration of that Commissioner's prior tenure.

[(3)] (C) If for any reason a Commissioner fails to serve or complete any term, the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a successor to serve for the remainder of the term.