

~~(4) Increased knowledge of our historic resources, establishment of better means of identifying and administering them, and encouragement of their preservation will assist the economic and cultural growth of this State, and~~

~~(5) The State's heritage has been enriched by past accomplishments and contributions of the State's private preservation organizations and their continuing activities are in the public interest.~~

~~3-403.~~

~~The Maryland Historical Trust is [hereby] created as an instrumentality of the State of Maryland as part of the Department for the purpose of preserving, protecting, and enhancing districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in the prehistory, history, upland and underwater archeology, architecture, engineering, and culture of the State, to encourage others to do so and to promote interest in and study of [such] THOSE matters.~~

~~3-404.~~

~~(A) The purpose of the Trust is [declared] to [be of general] benefit [to] the citizens of the State and BE charitable in nature.~~

~~(B) The Trust shall be a body corporate and shall have perpetual existence, subject to modification by the General Assembly of the State if [the same is] necessary to effectuate the purpose of the Trust and subject to termination by the General Assembly [when and] if its substantial purpose ceases.~~

~~3-405.~~

~~(A) (1) The powers and duties of the Trust shall vest in and be exercised by a body of fifteen trustees.~~

~~(2) The Governor of the State, the President of the Senate of the General Assembly and the Speaker of the House of Delegates of the General Assembly shall be by virtue of their offices three of the trustees with the same powers and duties as the other trustees as [hereafter set forth] PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.~~

~~(3) (1) The three ex officio trustees may delegate from time to time any or all of their powers or duties to an authorized representative[.].~~

~~(II) [the] THE Governor's representative [to] SHALL be a member of the Executive Department of the State of Maryland [and].~~

~~(III) [the] THE representatives of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House [to] SHALL be a member of the Senate and the House of Delegates, respectively.~~

~~(4) The remaining twelve trustees shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.~~

~~(B) (1) [However, a] A minimum of two trustees shall be qualified with an advanced degree in archaeology or a closely related field, and shall have experience in the field of archaeology.~~