

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2003.

Approved April 22, 2003.

CHAPTER 182

(House Bill 931)

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County - Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board - Membership

FOR the purpose of increasing the membership of an agricultural preservation advisory board and the number of members who meet certain requirements in Worcester County; shortening the terms of members of the agricultural preservation advisory board in Worcester County; and generally relating to the membership of the agricultural preservation advisory board in Worcester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-504.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

2-504.1.

(a) In each county containing productive agricultural land, the county governing body shall appoint an agricultural preservation advisory board.

(b) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE agricultural preservation advisory board shall consist of five members, at least three of whom shall be owner-operators of commercial farms who earn 50 percent or more of their income from farming.

(2) IN WORCESTER COUNTY, THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS, AT LEAST FOUR OF WHOM SHALL BE OWNER-OPERATORS OF COMMERCIAL FARMS WHO EARN 50 PERCENT OR MORE OF THEIR INCOME FROM FARMING.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each member of an agricultural preservation advisory board shall be appointed for a term of office of five years.