

SUBSECTION, THE board shall consist of ten members; and the initial members shall be appointed by the county commissioners or county council; three members to be appointed for three years, three for two years, three for one year.

(2) (I) IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST 10, BUT NO MORE THAN 15, MEMBERS.

(II) NEW POSITIONS, AS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SHALL BE INITIALLY FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR TERMS TO ENSURE BALANCED STAGGERING OF THE EXPIRATION OF TERMS OF ALL MEMBERS, BUT NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS.

(3) Members shall be chosen from among the residents of the county.

[(3)](4) One member of the board of county commissioners or county council shall be a member of the board, ex officio, as chosen by the board of county commissioners or county council from time to time.

[(4)](5) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, as the terms of the initial appointees expire or as vacancies occur, their successors shall be elected by a majority vote or quorum of the board for terms of three years or the remainder thereof; and hereafter, these positions shall be so filled.

(ii) In St. Mary's County, as the terms of the initial appointees expire or as vacancies occur, their successors shall be appointed by the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for a term of 3 years if a term expires, or the rest of the term if a term is vacated.

(iii) In Frederick County, as the terms of the initial appointees expire or as vacancies occur, their successors shall be appointed by the County Commissioners of Frederick County for a term of 3 years if a term expires, or the rest of the term if a term is vacated.

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

Approved May 13, 2003.

CHAPTER 331

(House Bill 861)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County - Property Tax - Credit - The Maryland State Game and Fish ~~Protection~~ Protective Association, Inc.

FOR the purpose of requiring authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county tax imposed on real property owned by The Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association, Inc.; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a