

## Chapter 10

### (Senate Bill 62)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Chesapeake Bay Trust – Powers and Duties – Member Terms**

FOR the purpose of specifying that a certain term limit for members of the Board of Trustees of the Chesapeake Bay Trust applies only to consecutive terms; repealing a certain limitation on the ability of the Chesapeake Bay Trust to solicit or accept a gift, bequest, or lease of real or personal property; and generally relating to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Natural Resources  
Section 8–1904 and 8–1906  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Natural Resources**

8–1904.

(a) The powers and duties of the Chesapeake Bay Trust shall rest in and be exercised by a board of 19 trustees.

(b) The Board of Trustees shall consist of:

(1) The President of the Senate, ex officio;

(2) The Speaker of the House, ex officio;

(3) The Secretaries of Agriculture, the Environment, and Natural Resources, ex officio, or their designees; and

(4) 14 individuals appointed by the Governor as follows:

(i) 8 shall represent the interests of local government, education, environmental conservation, and the general public; and

(ii) 6 shall represent the business community.

(c) The Governor shall consider geographical balance in making appointments to the Board of Trustees.

(d) Except for the ex officio members or their designees:

(1) The term of a member is 4 years;

(2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Board on July 1, 1985;

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies;

(4) A member who is appointed after a term is begun serves for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies; and

(5) A member may serve no more than 2 **CONSECUTIVE** terms.

8–1906.

[(a)] The Trust shall have the powers and duties to:

(1) Solicit and accept any gift, grant, legacy, or endowment of money from the federal government, State government, local government, or any private source in furtherance of the Trust;

(2) Provide grants to nonprofit organizations, community associations, civic groups, schools, or public agencies for citizen involvement projects;

(3) Develop projects for sponsorship by corporate and business organizations or private individuals;

(4) Develop criteria for citizen involvement projects or corporate sponsorship projects;

(5) Make, execute, and enter into any contract or other legal instrument;

(6) Receive appropriations as provided in the State budget;

(7) Lease and maintain an office at a place within the State the Trust designates;

(8) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;

(9) Take any other action necessary to carry out the purposes of the Trust;

(10) Sue and be sued, but only to enforce contractual or similar agreements with the Trust; and

(11) Report annually to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, its activities during the preceding year together with any recommendations or requests deemed appropriate to further the purposes of the Trust.

[(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the Trust may not solicit or accept any gift, bequest, or lease of real or personal property.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

**Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2014.**