

SB0058/870014/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 58
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Foundation –” insert “Board of Trustees and”; in line 4, after “of” insert “authorizing each ex officio member of the board of trustees of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to appoint a designee to serve in the member’s place on the board;”; in line 7, after “districts;” insert “making conforming changes;”; in lines 7 and 8, strike “the elimination of district agreements within”; and in line 12, after “Section” insert “2-503(a) and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 5, insert:

“2-503.

(a) (1) The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation shall be governed and administered by a board of trustees composed of [the]:

(I) THE State Treasurer, [who shall serve as an ex officio member,] the Comptroller, [who shall serve as an ex officio member,] the Secretary of Planning, [who shall serve as an ex officio member,] and the Secretary [who shall serve as an ex officio member, and nine], ALL OF WHOM SHALL SERVE AS EX OFFICIO MEMBERS;

(II) NINE members from the State at-large to be appointed by the Governor, at least six of whom shall be farmer representatives WHO ARE ENGAGED IN OR RETIRED FROM ACTIVE FARMING from different areas of the [State. The State Treasurer may appoint, as the Treasurer’s designee, a deputy treasurer to serve on the

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board of trustees. The Secretary of Planning may appoint as the Secretary's designee an individual within the Department of Planning. All of the farmer representatives shall be actively engaged in or retired from active farming. Four of the six farmer representatives] **STATE, AND FOUR OF WHOM** shall be appointed as follows:

[(i)] 1. One from a list of three nominees submitted by the Maryland Agricultural Commission;

[(ii)] 2. One from a list of three nominees submitted by the Maryland Farm Bureau;

[(iii)] 3. One from a list of three nominees submitted by the Maryland State Grange; and

[(iv)] 4. One from a list of three nominees submitted by the Young Farmers Advisory Board; AND

(III) ANY DESIGNEE APPOINTED BY AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) Nominees under paragraph [(1)(iv)] (1)(II)4 of this subsection shall meet the requirements of § 2-1002(d) of this title.

(3) EACH EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY APPOINT A DESIGNEE TO SERVE IN THE MEMBER'S PLACE ON THE BOARD.

[(3)](4) The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the board, from among the nine at-large trustees.

(5) A majority of the members of the board serving at any one time constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

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[(4)] (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 5–502 through 5–504 of the General Provisions Article, a person may be appointed to and serve on the board as an at–large member even if prior to the appointment the person sold an easement in the person’s agricultural land to the Foundation.”.