

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENTS IN MARYLAND

As to the Maryland Rules of the

Annotated Code of Maryland

AGRICULTURE

TITLE 8

SOIL CONSERVATION

§ 8 – 302. District supervisors constituted governing body; number, qualifications, appointment and removal; tenure; vacancies

(a) *Membership of governing body of each district* – The governing body of each district consists of five supervisors.

(b) *Qualifications of supervisors*. – Each supervisor shall be interested and knowledgeable in conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources. By training and experience, each supervisor shall be qualified to perform the specialized skilled services which are required in performing the duties under this subtitle.

(c) *Appointment of supervisors*. – The supervisors shall be appointed in the following manner, and consideration shall be given to representation from farming, forestry, wildlife, and urban interests where appropriate:

(1) One district resident by the county governing body and serving at the pleasure of the county governing body. In those counties with both an executive and a legislative branch of government, the appointment shall be made by the executive and approved by the legislative branch;

(2) One by the Committee from a list of three district residents submitted by the county farm bureau;

(3) One by the Committee from a list of three district residents submitted by the county extension service; and

(4) Two by the Committee from among residents of the district.

(d) *Tenure; vacancies*. – The term of office of each Committee appointed member is 5 years. Each supervisor shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualifies. Vacancies shall be filled for any unexpired term by appointments made in the same manner as for the full term.

(e) *Removal*. – The Committee, upon notice and hearing, may remove any supervisor from office for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. In addition, any supervisor who, during any period of 12 consecutive months, shall fail to attend at least 50 percent of all regular meetings of the board of supervisors of the district of which he is an appointed member shall be considered to have resigned and the chairman if the board of supervisors shall notify the appropriate appointing body of the resultant vacancy. However, if the reasons for the supervisor's inability to attend meetings as required in this subtitle are found by the appointing body to be satisfactory the appointing body may reinstate the supervisor to office.

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENT POLICY

The Carroll Soil Conservation District Board has adopted a policy in the appointments of Associate Supervisors. These positions are considered a training position for the position of District Supervisor. These positions are appointed by the District Board, requires residency in the District, interest in soil conservation, water quality and related natural resource management issues, attendance at least five (5) meetings of the Board in a twelve month period and being familiar with the guidelines in the Soil Conservation District Supervisor's Handbook. Meetings usually are scheduled every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm. The Board has been consistent in holding to 2 -2.5 hour meetings. The Associate Supervisor also has the same privileges as the District Board members in attending State MASCD (Maryland Association of Soil Conservation District) meetings (winter meeting is in Annapolis, usually the last Monday and Tuesday of the month of January, summer meeting usually the third Monday through Wednesday of the month of July.) Per Diem and all travel expenses are paid by the Board for these two state meetings.

The Board encourages the appointing authorities to consider these Associate Supervisors in their appointments to the Board.

The Board also encourages the appointing authorities to refer all interested candidates to the District for consideration as an Associate Supervisor.