

which such vacancy occurs. The members shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for necessary travelling expenses and disbursements incurred in attending meetings or performing other official duties. The Board shall be required to meet at least once every two months, and special meetings may be called by the Chairman or upon the written request of five members of the Board. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

3. The Board shall discuss the problems of conservation, departmental, State or Federal, act as a clearing house for constructive suggestions and recommendations, deal with such conservation matters, complaints, suggestions or proposals as can be handled more satisfactorily by the Board than by the several departments represented upon said Board, and review the work of each such department. The Board shall annually submit to the Governor a comprehensive printed report covering the activities, accomplishments and recommendations of the several departments represented upon said Board. Such report shall also include pertinent information on finance and budgets. The Board shall maintain its office at such central location as the Board of Public Works may direct, so that each of the Departments represented upon the Board may have access to the records of the other departments.

4. The Board shall appoint in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System law an Executive Secretary and such other employees as it deems necessary, who shall receive such compensation as may be provided in the Budget. The Executive Secretary shall be a person with executive ability and experience and with knowledge of the general principles involved in the conservation, development and restoration of the natural resources of the State and shall receive compensation not exceeding \$3,000 per year.

The Board shall issue its literature, advertising and other media as to the natural advantages and resources of the State through the Maryland Publicity Commission. The employees of the Maryland Publicity Commission, subject to classification and qualifying, but not competitive, examination, shall be placed under the provisions of the Merit System law and receive such compensation as may be provided in the State Budget.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That a new sub-title and seven new Sections be and they are hereby enacted, to