

8-1803.

(a) There is a [Chesapeake Bay] Critical Area Commission FOR THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS in the Department.

(b) The Secretary has no authority under Title 1 of this article:

(1) To approve, alter, or amend the policies or programs of the Commission;

(2) To transfer, assign, or reassign statutory functions or activities to or from the Commission; or

(3) To adopt, approve, or revise regulations of the Commission.

8-1804.

(a) (1) The Commission consists of [27] 29 voting members who are appointed by the Governor, as follows:

(i) (I) A full-time chairman, appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor;

(ii) (II) [11] 13 individuals, appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate, each of whom is a resident and an elected or appointed official of a local jurisdiction. At least 1 of these [11]13 individuals must be an elected or appointed official of a municipality. These individuals shall serve on the Commission only while they hold local office. Each shall be selected from certain counties or from municipalities within the counties as follows, and only after the Governor has consulted with elected county and municipal officials:

(i) 1. 1 from each of Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, and Prince George's counties;

(ii) 2. 1 from Harford County or Cecil County;

(iii) 3. 1 from Kent County or Queen Anne's County;

(iv) 4. 1 from Caroline County [or Worcester County];

(v) 5. 1 from Talbot County or Dorchester County;

(vi) 6. 1 from Wicomico County or Somerset County; [and]

(vii) 7. 2 from Calvert County, Charles County, or St. Mary's County, both of whom may not be from the same county; AND

(viii) 8. 2 FROM WORCESTER COUNTY, 1 OF WHOM SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED AND THE OTHER OF WHOM SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS WATERSHED;

(ix) (III) 8 individuals, appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall represent diverse interests, and among whom shall be a resident from each of the [6] 5 counties that are listed and from which an appointment has not been made under paragraph (2) of this subsection and [2] 3 of the 8 members