

Chapter 691

(House Bill 1017)

AN ACT concerning

Boundary of the Frederick County Soil Conservation District – Alteration

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the boundary of~~ establishing the Frederick County Soil Conservation District to include the Catoctin Soil Conservation District and the Frederick Soil Conservation District; and generally relating to the Frederick County Soil Conservation District.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Agriculture
 Section 8–301 and 8–405(c)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

8–301.

(a) The [24] **23** soil conservation districts are established and continued with boundaries corresponding to county boundaries[, except for Frederick County,] and include all land and water and incorporated areas, as follows:

- (1) Allegany Soil Conservation District;
- (2) Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District;
- (3) Baltimore County Soil Conservation District;
- (4) Calvert Soil Conservation District;
- (5) Caroline Soil Conservation District;
- (6) Carroll Soil Conservation District;
- (7) Cecil Soil Conservation District;
- (8) Charles Soil Conservation District;

- (9) Dorchester Soil Conservation District;
- (10) **FREDERICK COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT;**
- (11) Garrett Soil Conservation District;
- [(11)] (12) Harford Soil Conservation District;
- [(12)] (13) Howard Soil Conservation District;
- [(13)] (14) Kent Soil Conservation District;
- [(14)] (15) Montgomery Soil Conservation District;
- [(15)] (16) Prince George's Soil Conservation District;
- [(16)] (17) Queen Anne's Soil Conservation District;
- [(17)] (18) St. Mary's Soil Conservation District;
- [(18)] (19) Somerset Soil Conservation District;
- [(19)] (20) Talbot Soil Conservation District;
- [(20)] (21) Washington County Soil Conservation District;
- [(21)] (22) Wicomico Soil Conservation District; **AND**
- [(22)] (23) Worcester Soil Conservation District[;

(23) Catoclin Soil Conservation District within the area of Frederick County bounded by the Washington–Frederick County line, the Potomac River, and the eastern and northern boundaries of the Catoclin Creek watershed; and

(24) The Frederick Soil Conservation District comprising the balance of Frederick County land and water area].

(b) A Baltimore City Soil Conservation District may be established and continued with boundaries corresponding to the boundaries of Baltimore City.

8–405.

(c) (1) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an amount sufficient to employ not less than 110 field personnel in the soil conservation districts under this title.

(2) The appropriation for the **[24] 23** soil conservation districts shall be as follows:

- (i) For fiscal year 2008, \$8,800,000;
- (ii) For fiscal year 2009, \$9,200,000;
- (iii) For fiscal year 2010, \$9,600,000; and
- (iv) For fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, \$10,000,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.