

In this Division I, as in other revised articles, the term "unit" is substituted for former references to, for example, a "department", "agency", "board", or "commission", except when a former reference indicated a specific entity or type of entity. The term "unit" is used as the general term for an organizational entity in State government because the term is generic enough to include all such entities. Throughout this Division I, the term "principal department or other independent unit" is used to refer to a unit that is either a principal department or its equivalent; in all of those instances, the phrase refers to major units and not subunits of a major unit.

In this Division I, the word "regulation" is substituted for former references to "rules and regulations" to distinguish, to the extent possible, between regulations of executive units and rules of judicial or legislative units, and to establish consistency in the use of these words. This substitution conforms to the practice of the Division of State Documents. See Revisor's Note to SG § 10-101(e).

Also in this Division I, to be consistent and to avoid unnecessary confusion, the singular verb "adopt" is used in relation to regulations, and verbs such as "prescribe" and "promulgate" are deleted. Regulations, in any event, are subject to Title 10, Subtitle 1, Part I of the State Government Article.

Also in this Division I, the word "law" is substituted for former phrases such as "law or regulation", because the broad reference to a "law" includes a "regulation" adopted under the authority of a law. See, e.g., Maryland Port Administration v. Browner Contracting Co., 303 Md. 44 (1985).

The State Personnel Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the applicability of various provisions of this Division I to certain "appointed officials" is uncertain. See General Revisor's Note to Title 7 of this article.

The Revisor's Notes to provisions of this Division I that are affected by 1993 legislation are modified by the staff of the Department of Legislative Reference and are identified as "Special Revisor's Notes". The text of the original Revisor's Notes to those provisions may be found in Ch. _____ (S.B. 50), Acts of 1993, which enacted this Division I.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 25(t), (u), and (v), respectively, of Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 25(u), (v), and (w), respectively.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 14-104(i) and (j), respectively, of Article - Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 14-104(j) and (k), respectively.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation

25.

(T) A SECTION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE MAY BE CITED AS: "§ _____ OF THE STATE PERSONNEL ARTICLE".