

Defined term: "State" § 1-101

2-102. SECRETARY.

(A) POSITION AND APPOINTMENT.

(1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(2) THE SECRETARY IS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) OATH.

BEFORE TAKING OFFICE, THE APPOINTEE SHALL TAKE THE OATH REQUIRED BY ARTICLE I, § 9 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.

(C) TENURE; RESPONSIBILITIES.

(1) THE SECRETARY SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND IS RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR.

(2) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON ALL MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE GOVERNOR'S POLICIES ON MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

(D) COMPENSATION.

THE SECRETARY IS ENTITLED TO THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (c), and (d) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83A, § 2-101(b) and (a)(3).

Subsection (b) of this section is standard language added to state the requirement that an individual appointed to any office of profit or trust take the oath specified in Md. Constitution, Art. I, § 9. This addition is supported by 64 Op. Att'y Gen. 246 (1979).

In subsection (c)(2) of this section, the former reference to "counsel[ing]" the Governor is deleted as surplusage in light of the reference to "advis[ing]" the Governor.

In subsection (d) of this section, the reference to the Secretary's "compensation" is substituted for the former reference to the Secretary's "salary" for accuracy and consistency throughout this article. See General Revisor's Note to article.

Defined terms: "Department" § 1-101

"Secretary" § 1-101

"State" § 1-101

2-103. ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT.

(A) ADMINISTRATION.