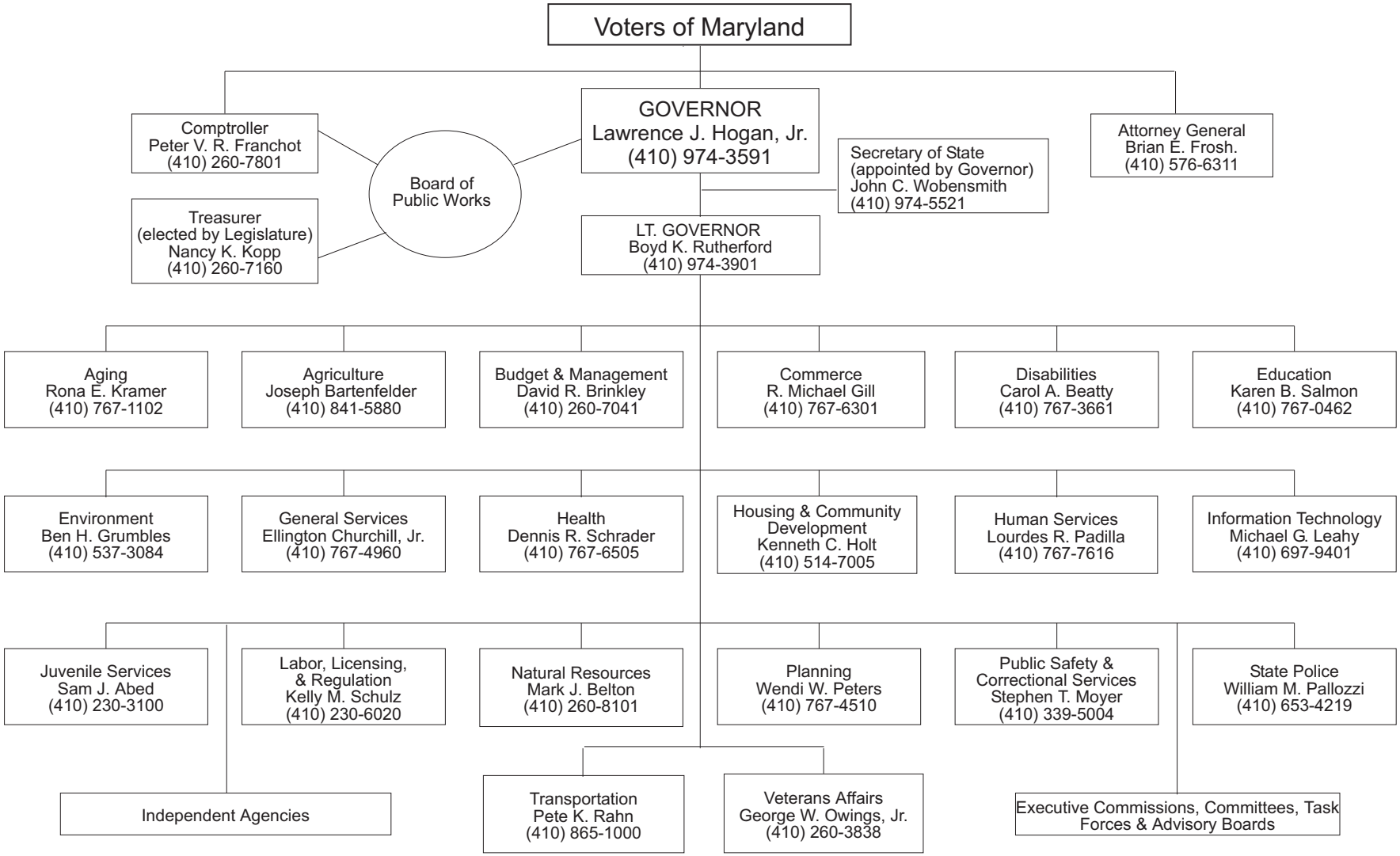EXECUTIVE BRANCH