

1 effectively coordinate the activities of the Executive
2 Branch and effectively communicate with the chief adminis-
3 trator.

4 The Section therefore provides that all adminis-
5 trative units of the Executive Branch and their respective
6 functions and powers and duties shall be allocated by law
7 among and within not more than 20 principal departments.
8 What these 20 principal departments will be if left to
9 the law-making process, the Committee feels that at the
10 present time 20 principal departments will be sufficient.

11 It also recognizes, however, that at some future
12 point in time this number may be too restrictive. The
13 section therefore provides a safety valve, so to speak, and
14 authorizes the General Assembly to increase the number of
15 principal departments beyond 20 by a 3/5ths vote of the
16 General Assembly.

17 The Constitutions of Alaska, Hawaii, Massachu-
18 setts, Michigan and New Jersey presently establish limits
19 on the number of principal departments within the Executive
20 Branch. The scope of application of this section should
21 also be noted.