

Engineer of Maryland as head of said Department, and the duties, functions and powers of said Department and of said Chief Engineer.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Article 41 of the Code of Public General Laws (1939 Ed. and 1943 Supp.), title "Governor—Executive Administrative Departments", be and the same is hereby amended by adding a new sub-title and a new Section to said Article, said new sub-title to be "Department of Public Improvements", and said new Section to be Section 177, both to follow immediately after Section 176 of said Article, and to read as follows:

Department of Public Improvements

177. There shall be a Department of Public Improvements which shall have the duties and powers conferred upon it by law. The Chief Engineer of Maryland shall be the head of said Department.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Article 78A of the Code of Public General Laws (1939 Ed. and 1943 Supp.), title "Public Works—Board of", be and the same is hereby amended by changing the name of said Article to "Public Works" and by inserting a new sub-title "Board of Public Works", immediately preceding Section 1 of said Article.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Article 78A of the Code of Public General Laws (1939 Ed. and 1943 Supp.); title "Public Works—Board of", be and the same is hereby amended by adding a new sub-title "Department of Public Improvements", and eight new Sections to be Sections 8C to 8J of said Article, said new sub-title and said new Sections to follow immediately after Section 8B of said Article and to read as follows:

8C. The Department of Public Improvements of Maryland is hereby created. The head of said Department shall be the Chief Engineer of Maryland. The Department shall perform the duties and functions herein conferred upon it or delegated to it by the Board of Public Works and shall have all powers necessary and proper to fulfill such functions and duties.

8D. The Governor shall appoint as of June 1, 1947, and each fourth year thereafter, a qualified registered engineer, who for at least the previous five years has been a resident