

(8) Assist and advise the Board of Public Works and other departments and agencies in the review and approval of changes in plan, specifications or contracts for public improvements;

(9) Assist the State Planning Commission in the development of technical details necessary for the preparation of the capital improvement program of the State and its departments, institutions and other agencies;

(10) Assist the State Planning Commission in its regional studies relating to land acquisitions, transfers, dedications, leases, etc.;

(11) Collect and maintain records of construction costs and progress on all public improvements;

(12) Enforce the State Building Code after such time as said Code is declared effective;

(13) Collect and maintain a complete and accurate file of plats and surveys of the location and situation of all public improvements; and

(14) Perform such other functions and duties as may be delegated to it or requested of it by the Board of Public Works.

8I. The Department of Public Improvements shall prepare a Building Code prescribing standards of design, materials, equipment and construction to be observed in public improvements. The Chief Engineer shall submit such Building Code to the General Assembly for its approval and enactment into law not later than the regular session to be held in the year 1951. Prior to submission of such Building Code, the Chief Engineer shall hold public hearings on the same. He shall transmit to the General Assembly at the time that the Building Code is submitted to it for approval and enactment a transcript of the public hearings and a report on the comments, suggestions and criticisms developed at such hearings.

8J. The Chief Engineer shall, on or before the first day of February of each year, file with the Governor a report on the activities of the Department of Public Improvements during the preceding calendar year.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved March 29, 1947.