

the schedule therefor, unless such schedule be amended, within the limits of such appropriation, in the following manner:

The Senate may by resolution provide for or authorize the amendment of its schedule.

The House of Delegates may by resolution provide for or authorize the amendment of its schedule.

The Governor may himself make an amended schedule, if the same be necessary, with respect to the appropriations for the Executive Department, and upon its transmission to the Comptroller the appropriation for such department shall be paid out in accordance with such amended schedule.

Any department, board, commission, officer or institution may, at any time, submit in writing to the Governor an amended schedule for the disbursement and apportionment of the appropriations made to it by him. If the Governor shall approve such amended schedule he shall transmit the same, with the certificate of approval, to the Comptroller and thereafter, such appropriation shall be paid out in accordance with said amended schedule. Any such amended schedule so submitted to the Governor may be withdrawn at any time before the Governor has acted thereon. Any amended schedule approved by the Governor may be again amended at any time in like manner and with like effect. All amendments and schedules made or approved by the Governor shall be reported by him to the next session of the General Assembly.

Nothing herein shall be taken to in any manner restrict the apportionment of appropriations as between institutions, bureaus or agencies which are subject to the direction, supervision and control of a particular department, but no such apportionment shall alter the legislative appropriations except upon compliance with the provisions of this Section.

All amended schedules shall first be submitted by the departments, boards, commissions, officers and institutions to the Director of Budget and Procurement before action thereon by the Governor.

9. The Governor shall have the power, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, to reduce not more than 25% of any item of appropriation which he may deem unnecessary, except appropriations for the payment of interest and the retirement of the State debt, and appropriations to the Legislature, the Public Schools and the Judiciary; provided, however, that the salaries of public officers shall not be reduced during their term of office, and the salaries of merit system employees shall not be reduced except in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland. No department, board, commission, officer or insti-