

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 8E and 8H(2) and 8H(13) of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Public Works," sub-title "Department of Public Improvements", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that a new section be and it is hereby added to said Article 78A, said new section to be known as Section 8HA, to follow immediately after Section 8H of said Article, and to read as follows:

8E. The Chief Engineer shall appoint a Deputy Chief Engineer and such number of additional employees of the Department of Public Improvements as may be provided for in the budget. The appointment of all employees, other than the Deputy Chief Engineer or Executive Secretary, shall be from the Classified Service of the State of Maryland, and in accordance with the rules and practice of the Merit System. The Deputy Chief Engineer or Executive Secretary, shall be appointed and hold office at the will of the Chief Engineer. The Chief Engineer may at his discretion appoint the Deputy Chief Engineer from among the classified employees in the Department of Public Improvements, and if such an appointee is subsequently removed from or ceases to hold his position as Deputy Chief Engineer, he shall be restored to the merit system status in the position held by him at the time of his appointment as Deputy Chief Engineer.

The Deputy Chief Engineer shall be an Engineer or Architect, registered under the laws of this State, and shall have at least five years experience in building design and construction.

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(2) Select and appoint architects and engineers to prepare plans and specifications for all public improvements, such appointments to be subject, however, to the approval of the Board of Public Works, and all such architects and engineers shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Improvements;

(13) Collect and maintain a complete and accurate file of drawings and plats of the location and situation of all public improvements, provided that all original drawings, plats, specifications and records shall be stored in a fireproof vault; and

8HA. There is hereby established a Board of Architectural Review, which shall be composed of seven members to be appointed by the Chief Engineer from a list of not less than