

“Public Works”, sub-title “Department of Public Improvements”, Section 8E having been amended by Chapter 80 of the Acts of 1949 and Section 8HA having been enacted by said Chapter, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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]** *Director of Public Improvements* of Maryland, WHICH SHALL BE A FULL-TIME POSITION. 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 and registered voter of Maryland, to be the **[Chief Engineer of Maryland]** *Director of Public Improvements*, who shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and until his successor shall be appointed and qualify. The Governor may remove the **[Chief Engineer]** *Director* for official misconduct, incompetency or neglect of duty. Any vacancy in the office of **[Chief Engineer]** *Director* shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term. The Governor, when appointing a **[Chief Engineer]** *Director*, shall give first consideration to the qualifications of those who are graduates in engineering of a recognized college or technical school of collegiate grade. The **[Chief Engineer]** *Director* shall be a person of broad experience and high standing in his profession, and shall have had responsible charge of engineering works over a period of at least ten years. If the person appointed as **[Chief Engineer]** *Director* is not a graduate in engineering of a recognized college or technical school of collegiate grade, he shall have had not less than eighteen years' experience in engineering, during ten years of which he shall have been in responsible charge of important engineering projects. The **[Chief Engineer]** *Director* shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office and shall be paid **[an annual salary of at least Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) and]** such **[additional amount]** *salary* as may be provided for in the budget.

8E. The **[Chief Engineer]** *Director* shall appoint a Deputy **[Chief Engineer]** *Director* 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]** *Director* or Execu-