

*Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, as amended from time to time).* The Director may make such expenditures within the appropriations, or from other funds made available to him for purposes of civil defense, as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this sub-title. He shall be provided with necessary and appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery and printing.

237. (b) In performing his duties under this sub-title, the Governor is authorized to cooperate with the federal government, with other states, and with private agencies in all matters pertaining to the civil defense of this State and of the nation. The Governor is authorized to make, amend and rescind the necessary orders, rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this sub-title, and to prepare a comprehensive plan and program for the civil defense of this State; to integrate such plan and program with the civil defense plans of the federal government and other states to the fullest possible extent, and to coordinate the preparation of plans and programs for civil defense by the political subdivisions of this State. The Governor is authorized to procure supplies and equipment and to institute training programs and public information programs and to take all other preparatory steps in advance of actual disaster. The Governor is authorized to make such studies and surveys of the industries, resources, and facilities in this State as may be necessary to ascertain the capabilities of the State for civil defense and to plan for the most efficient emergency use thereof. The Governor is authorized to appoint, in cooperation with local authorities, directors [and alternate directors] for the political subdivisions of the State and may delegate to them any administrative authority vested in him under this sub-title, and to provide for the subdelegation of any such authority.

238. (a) Each political subdivision of this State is hereby authorized and directed to establish a local organization for civil defense in accordance with the State civil defense plan and program and to participate in Federal programs for civil defense. Each local organization for civil defense shall have a director [and alternate] who shall be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the mayor or governing body of the political subdivisions, and who shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration and operation of such local organization for civil defense subject to the direction and control of said mayor or governing body, under general power of the Governor. *The local organization shall have such staff, personnel and program as may be required from time to time by the State Civil defense organization.* EXCEPT WHERE THE LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION COMPRISES A POPULATION IN EXCESS OF 750,000 AND MAINTAINS A FULL-TIME STAFF AND PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT THE STATE CIVIL DEFENSE PLAN AND PROGRAM.

(b) *In any county, or Baltimore City, in which there is a merit system or classified service for the general employees of that political subdivision, the employees and officers of the local organization for civil defense (except the Director) shall be included in and subject to all rights, duties, privileges, and responsibilities of that system or service.*

(c) *If the county or Baltimore City does not have such a merit system or classified service, the county commissioners or county council, or the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City, shall MAY include by regulation the employees and officers of the local organization*