

*Code of Maryland.* The chief deputy comptroller and each deputy comptroller upon his designation and qualification as above provided, shall have power to grant all warrants for money to be paid out of the treasury, in pursuance of appropriations by law and countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer upon any bank or banks in which the monies of the State may from time to time be deposited, subject to all the limitations imposed by law upon the Comptroller in granting such warrants and the countersigning of such checks. The chief deputy comptroller and each other deputy comptroller shall act as such only during the pleasure of the Comptroller, and the power to act as such chief deputy comptroller or deputy comptroller may be terminated at any time by the Comptroller for any cause which he may deem sufficient. In the event of sickness or absence of the Comptroller, the power of the chief deputy comptroller or any deputy comptroller to grant warrants and countersign checks may be terminated by the Board of Public Works or a majority of its members for any cause which they may deem sufficient. The termination of the power of the chief deputy and/or any other deputy comptroller to grant warrants and to countersign checks shall not of itself operate to terminate his employment as clerk, assistant, or other employee. Whenever the powers of any person to act as chief deputy comptroller or deputy comptroller are terminated as herein provided, the Comptroller may designate some other clerk or assistant to act as such chief deputy comptroller or deputy comptroller, subject to the limitations and conditions above prescribed.

#### Article 19

##### 29. In General.

(a) Appointment, oath, term and salary; deputy and assistant auditors; powers and duties generally; bonds.—There shall be a State Auditor appointed by the Governor, who shall be assigned to the division of financial review and control, and shall take oath prescribed by the Constitution. His term of office shall commence on the first Monday of May next ensuing his appointment, and continue for four years, until his successor shall be appointed and shall have qualified. The State Auditor shall receive such salary as may be fixed in the budget.

The State Auditor shall appoint a deputy and such assistant State auditors as he may deem necessary in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A, who shall receive such salaries as the State Auditor deems necessary, subject to provisions of the budget. The State Auditor, the deputy State auditor and the assistant State auditors, under the supervision and the direction of the Comptroller, shall have and exercise all the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions conferred upon them by law. [The State Auditor shall give bond to the State of Maryland in the penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), the deputy State auditor shall be bonded for \$5,000 and each of the regular assistant State auditors shall be bonded for \$1,000, all for the faithful performance of their respective duties, the surety in each case to be approved by the Comptroller.] *The State Auditor, the deputy State auditor, and each of the regular assistant State auditors will, upon entering the duties of their respective offices, be covered by surety bonds in accordance with the provisions of Sections 46 through 50 of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.*