

partments within their jurisdiction, to the end that such services can be more efficiently and effectively conducted.

15C.

The Governor, as Chief Executive Officer of the State Government, shall be responsible for the continuing review of executive organization. He shall propose, approve, and order NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW such reorganization as he may deem necessary and desirable. He shall be responsible for the organization of the ~~Secretarial Departments recognized in this act~~ PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS and for the transfer of departments, agencies, other units of State Government programs, services, and responsibilities between and among such departments. The Governor shall recommend to the General Assembly the placement of all new programs, departments, and other instrumentalities, within the appropriate principal department, and he shall have the authority to assign new units of the State Government, departments and programs to such departments at the time of creation unless assigned by law. Nonstatutory units of the State Government and programs ~~shall~~ MAY be assigned to the appropriate principal department by the Governor.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, the Governor may, when circumstances dictate, establish task forces for programs which cut across departmental lines. This shall be limited to programs which require integration of services so as to achieve a governmental program which cannot efficiently be performed through simple cooperation between departments. Such task forces may exist for not more than one year unless ~~approved by the General Assembly.~~ THEIR EXISTENCE IS SPECIFICALLY CONTINUED BY THE GOVERNOR.

44.

For the purpose of coordination and effective direction and supervision of the State Government there is hereby created the Governor's Executive Council. The Governor's Executive Council shall include the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, if and when such office is created, the Secretary of State, and all Secretaries of principal departments. SERVING AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR. The Governor ~~shall~~ MAY designate or appoint an Executive Secretary for the Council.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That if the provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 23, 1969.