

efficient administration thereof. He may establish areas of responsibility within his office, and may reorganize or abolish the same as necessary to fulfill effectively the duties assigned to him.

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(a). The Secretary of General Services shall appoint, with the approval of the Governor, a Deputy Secretary who shall have duties as are provided by law or delegated by the Secretary. The Deputy Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary and shall receive such compensation as is provided in the State Budget.

(b). The Secretary of General Services shall also have attached to his office such assistants, professional consultants and employees as provided for in this Code or in the State Budget. All staff assistants in the Secretary's office in charge of particular areas of responsibility, and professional consultants, shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. All other employees of the Secretary's office, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be appointed and removed by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(c). The appointment or removal of personnel by any board, commission, division or other agency within the jurisdiction of the Department of General Services, shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary; however, the Secretary is authorized to delegate this power of approval to the heads or governing bodies of the boards, commissions, divisions or other agencies within the Department of General Services.

(d). The Attorney General shall be the legal adviser to the Department of General Services. He shall assign to the Department such number of Assistant Attorneys General as are now authorized by law to be assigned to the various departments, agencies, boards, commissions, councils, or units which are, or may hereafter by law be deemed to be, part of the Department of General Services; and he shall also assign to the Department of General Services such additional number of Assistant Attorneys General as may hereafter be authorized by law for such Department. One of the said Assistant Attorneys General shall be designated by the Attorney General as Counsel to the Department of General Services. The Counsel to the Department shall have no duty other than to render, subject to the discretion and control of the Attorney General, such legal aid, advice and counsel as the Secretary and the other officials of said Department may require, and the supervision of the other Assistant Attorneys General assigned to the Department. After the Attorney General has designated an Assistant Attorney General to serve as Counsel to the Department of General Services, he shall not reassign said Counsel without consultation with the Secretary of General Services. The Counsel to the Department of General Services, and the other Assistant Attorneys General so employed, shall each perform such legal duties for the Department as the Attorney General may, from time to time, assign to them; and the Attorney General is hereby authorized to assign to them, and each of them, the performance subject to his discretion and control, of any of the duties with respect to said Department required of him by law. All such Assistant Attorneys General shall be practicing lawyers of the State of Maryland in good standing, and they shall receive such compensation as shall be provided in the State Budget. This subsection