

231D.

The Department of Public Improvements is hereby abolished. From and after August 1, 1970, all rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions heretofore conferred upon the Department of Public Improvements, shall be transferred to and exercised by the Department of General Services and the Secretary of General Services. All rules, regulations, forms, orders and directives promulgated by or in effect for the Department of Public Improvements as of July 31, 1970, shall continue in force unless and until changed by the Secretary of General Services. All references in this Code, other laws, ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, directives, legal actions, contracts or other documents to the Department of Public Improvements or the Director of Public Improvements shall be deemed to mean the Department of General Services and the Secretary of General Services.

231E.

The Bureau of Control Surveys and Maps and the Advisory Board of the Bureau of Control Surveys and Maps, previously established by Sections 30 through 35 of Article 91 of this Code, are both abolished. Any functions or duties of the Bureau and the Advisory Board yet to be performed, shall be performed by the Secretary of General Services or such other agency as may be designated by the Governor.

231F.

The Purchasing Bureau, which was formerly part of the Department of Budget and Procurement and which since July 1, 1969, was under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning, together with all of its employees, funds, equipment, papers, forms, and other personal property, is hereby transferred to the Department of General Services. The Secretary of General Services shall exercise all of the powers, duties and functions previously exercised by the Director of Budget and Procurement in connection with the Purchasing Bureau and as successor to the Central Purchasing Bureau and Purchasing Agent. However, the Secretary of General Services may delegate any of such powers, duties or functions, or any of his powers, duties and functions set forth in Sections 231F, 231G, 231H, 231-I, 231J or 231K of this Article, to the Chief of the Purchasing Bureau.

231G.

(A) Every department, board, commission, bureau, division, institution and agency of this State, hereinafter called the using authorities, shall purchase all materials, supplies and equipment, through or with the approval of the Secretary of General Services. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to prescribe rules and regulations under which estimates of the needs of using authorities shall be submitted, and requisition made, and under which contracts for purchases may be made.

(B) The Secretary of General Services shall determine and formulate standards of all materials, supplies and equipment to be purchased for the using authorities of the State.