

*designated by the Attorney General as counsel to the Department of Agriculture. 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 advice and counsel as the Secretary and other officials of the Department may require and to supervise such other assistant attorneys general as may be assigned to the Department. After the Attorney General has designated the counsel to the Department, he shall not reassign said counsel without consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture. ~~The Section shall not apply with respect to any agencies or units or government within the Department of Agriculture to the extent that such agencies or units are authorized by law to employ their own legal advisors or counsel.~~*

435. *Additional Powers and Duties of Secretary.*

(a) *The Secretary shall be responsible for the budget of his office and for the budgets of the other boards, departments, commissions, offices and agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture.*

(b) *The Secretary shall be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations for his office. He shall review and shall have the power to approve or disapprove or issue or revise the rules and regulations of all of the offices or agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture.*

(c) *The Secretary may, in his discretion, create such advisory boards of such size as he deems appropriate. AND SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION ON EACH BOARD.*

(d) *The Secretary shall have a seal for purposes of authentication of copies of records or papers in his office.*

(e) *The Secretary shall be responsible for the coordination and direction of all planning facilities initiated by his office. In addition, he shall keep himself fully appraised of plans, proposals and projects of the boards, commissions, departments, offices and agencies attached to or within the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, and shall have power to approve, disapprove or modify any plan, proposal or project of any such instrumentality.*

(f) *Wherever it is provided by law that an appointment to a particular office, board, commission, department or agency within the Department of Agriculture is to be made by the Secretary with the approval of the Governor, and the appointee is to serve at the pleasure of the Secretary, the Secretary shall not remove the appointee without first obtaining the approval of the Governor.*

(g) *In addition to the meetings of any board or commission within the Department of Agriculture which are provided for by law or are called by the chairman thereof, the Secretary may, whenever he deems it appropriate, call a meeting of such boards or commissions for the consideration of any subject which he considers necessary and proper.*

(h) *All boards, commissions, departments, offices and agencies in the Department of Agriculture shall report to the Secretary of Agriculture or his designee as provided in regulations or written directives promulgated by the Secretary.*