

to changes in organization of the executive branch, provide for the annual filing of organizational charts by the secretaries of principal departments, define and provide for the issuance, amendment, preservation, disposition, and publication of executive orders and certain intradepartmental organization proposals, to amend and clarify the laws pertaining to publication of the annual session laws passed by the General Assembly; and to provide for special publication procedures in 1973.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 3A of Article 41, Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "General Provisions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3A.

(A) Each principal department shall be headed by a secretary [who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate [and who shall] AND [TO serve] SERVING at the Governor's pleasure, unless otherwise provided by law. Each secretary shall be selected on the basis of his professional and administrative knowledge and experience and [shall] have [such] additional qualifications as [may be] further provided in law. He shall receive [such] THE salary and have [such] THE assistants, employees, and professional consultants [as may be] provided in the budget, unless otherwise provided by law, within his assigned jurisdiction. He [shall be] IS responsible for establishing policy to be followed by the departments, offices and other units of the State government within the principal department. He [shall be] IS responsible for the efficient and orderly administration of the department. He [shall be] IS responsible for the comprehensive planning of programs and services within his jurisdiction and for reviewing and approving the plans of all departments and other units of the State government within his jurisdiction. He [shall be] IS responsible for the budget of his office and for the budgets of other units of the State government within his jurisdiction. He [shall be] IS responsible for the organization of his office and for recommending to the Governor changes in the organization and placement of units of the State government within his jurisdiction. He [shall have authority to] MAY appoint officers and employees in his office as provided in the budget and [may] review [any] THE personnel action taken by any unit[s] of the State government within his jurisdiction. He may create [such] THE citizen advisory bodies [as] he deems necessary for the operation of his department and shall recommend to the Governor any modification, abolition, and transfer of advisory bodies within his jurisdiction.

(B) ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, A SECRETARIAL PROPOSAL, ORDER, OR DIRECTIVE CHANGING THE ORGANIZATION, PLACEMENT, OR NAME OF A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE SECRETARY'S JURISDICTION IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE GOVERNOR OR PROMULGATED BY THE GOVERNOR AS AN EXECUTIVE ORDER.

[(C) ON OR BEFORE THE OPENING DAY OF EACH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SECRETARY OF EACH PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE HEAD OF EACH AGENCY OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH NOT ASSIGNED TO A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF HIS DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY. THE CHART SHALL SHOW THE MAJOR UNITS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY AND THE NAME