

(C) APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, AND SALARY OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY.

THE SECRETARY, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT A DEPUTY SECRETARY WHO HAS THE DUTIES PROVIDED BY LAW OR DELEGATED BY THE SECRETARY. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY AND ~~[[RECEIVES]]~~ SHALL RECEIVE THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(D) APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, AND SALARY OF ASSISTANTS, CONSULTANTS, AND OTHER PERSONNEL.

THE SECRETARY ALSO SHALL HAVE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANTS, PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYEES AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET. ASSISTANTS IN CHARGE OF AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY. WHEREVER IT IS PROVIDED BY LAW THAT THE SECRETARY MAKES AN APPOINTMENT TO A PARTICULAR OFFICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY MAY NOT REMOVE THE APPOINTEE WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL. UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, ~~[[HE]]~~ THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT AND REMOVE ALL OTHER PERSONNEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LAW. THE SECRETARY MAY DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT AND REMOVE PERSONNEL OF ANY UNIT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNIT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 41, §430 of the Code. The first sentence of subsection (a) is proposed for deletion in light of proposed §2-101. The second sentence of subsection (d) is new language derived from present Art. 41, §435(f) and placed here for organizational purposes. The last sentence of subsection (b) is new language derived from similar language pertaining to the Secretary of Natural Resources in Art. 41, §232(b) added to promote more efficient administration within the department. The only other changes made are in style.

SEC. 2-103. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

(A) BUDGET.

THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BUDGET OF HIS OFFICE AND FOR THE BUDGETS OF POSITIONS AND UNITS