

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived from Article 66C, section 1 of the Code.

(C) TENURE OF SECRETARY; RESPONSIBLE TO GOVERNOR; SALARY; ASSISTANTS. — THE SECRETARY SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR. HE IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE GOVERNOR AND SHALL COUNSEL AND ADVISE HIM ON ALL MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE GOVERNOR'S POLICIES IN THE AREAS OF NATURAL RESOURCES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATION. THE SECRETARY SHALL RECEIVE THE SALARY AND HAVE THE ASSISTANTS, EMPLOYEES, AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

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(D) OPERATION OF OFFICE; DEPUTY SECRETARY; APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF HEADS OF UNITS; APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OR REMOVAL OF OTHER PERSONNEL.— THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF HIS OFFICE AND SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO PROMOTE ITS ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION. HE MAY ESTABLISH AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN HIS OFFICE AND MAY REORGANIZE OR ABOLISH THEM AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE DUTIES ASSIGNED TO HIM. HE SHALL APPOINT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, A DEPUTY SECRETARY WHO SHALL HAVE THE DUTIES PROVIDED BY LAW OR DELEGATED BY THE SECRETARY. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY AND SHALL RECEIVE THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET. ALL ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS ARE APPOINTED BY AND SERVE AT THE SECRETARY'S PLEASURE. 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 BY LAW, HE SHALL APPOINT AND REMOVE ALL OTHER PERSONNEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LAW. THE SECRETARY MAY DELEGATE HIS AUTHORITY TO APPOINT OR REMOVE PERSONNEL OF ANY UNIT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNIT.

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