

the Code. Of the last four sentences of this subsection, the first, third, and fourth are derived from Article 41, section 232(b), as amended by Chapter 348, Acts of 1972, and set forth here for the purpose of organization. The second of the four added sentences is derived from Article 41, section 234(d) of the Code, as amended by Chapter 348, Acts of 1972. The term "unit" is used as the general nomenclature for the organization and structure within the department. The term has a broad and nondescript connotation which is intended for its use. The term "agency" etc. is avoided for it has more of a substantive meaning as to a type of organization. Section 1-102 enumerates the specific units within the department which are called administrations, services, etc.

(E) LEGAL ADVISOR; ASSIGNMENT OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL TO THE DEPARTMENT; COUNSEL TO DEPARTMENT. - THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS THE LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE DEPARTMENT. HE SHALL ASSIGN THE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT. ONE OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. THE COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE NO OTHER DUTY THAN TO RENDER, SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION AND CONTROL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE LEGAL AID, ADVICE, AND COUNSEL REQUIRED BY THE SECRETARY AND THE OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND, ALSO SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION AND CONTROL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO SUPERVISE THE OTHER ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT. AFTER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS DESIGNATED AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SERVE AS COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, HE MAY NOT RE-ASSIGN THE COUNSEL WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY. THE COUNSEL AND OTHER ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL SO EMPLOYED, SHALL PERFORM FOR THE DEPARTMENT THE LEGAL DUTIES ASSIGNED TO THEM BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY ASSIGN TO THEM, SUBJECT TO HIS DISCRETION AND CONTROL, ANY DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRED OF HIM BY LAW. EVERY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE A PRACTICING LAWYER OF THE STATE, IN GOOD STANDING, AND SHALL RECEIVE THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY WITH RESPECT TO ANY UNIT OF GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES