

temporary transfer of employees to such departments, agencies, local governments or such planning agencies to the Department [of State Planning] or for the temporary transfer of employees of the Department [of State Planning] to such departments, agencies, local governments or such planning agencies, and for the temporary exchange of employees between the Department [of State Planning] and such other agencies, for periods not exceeding ninety days for any one transfer. Such agreements shall not require the approval of the State Commissioner of Personnel, and employees so transferred shall, for purposes of the provisions of the classified service law, be deemed to have continued to serve in the position from which they were temporarily transferred or exchanged. In connection with such temporary transfers or exchanges of employees, the Secretary may agree to reimburse, or to receive reimbursement from the departments, agencies or local governments concerned. The Secretary may, also, from time to time, contract for professional or consultant services in connection with the work of the [Planning] Department.

[4.] 6. State Planning Commission.

(a) Creation; membership; qualifications; term; vacancies; expenses of members; meetings. —There shall be a State Planning Commission within the Department [of State Planning], which shall constitute an advisory board for the Department [of State Planning]. The [State Planning] Commission shall consist of nine members, seven of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, of whom none shall be persons holding a salaried State office, selected, as far as possible, to reflect different broad geographic, economic and social interests in the State. They shall serve for four-year terms, beginning as of June 1 in the year in which appointed, and until their successors are appointed, except that of the members originally appointed four shall be appointed for a two-year term and the remainder for a four-year term. Members appointed by the Secretary [of State Planning] and in office on July 1, 1971, shall continue in office until the expiration of their terms. The Governor shall fill by appointment any vacancy for the unexpired balance of a member's term. Two members of the Commission shall be ex officio members, one of whom shall be a member of the House of Delegates of Maryland to be designated by the Speaker thereof, and the other of whom shall be a member of the Senate of Maryland to be designated by the President thereof. All members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Governor shall appoint a chairman of the Commission. The [State Planning] Commission shall meet as often as necessary but at least twice each year, either on the