

~~Comptroller~~ adjudicate issues hereunder and to enter appropriate orders.

BY adding to

Article 19 - Comptroller  
Section 8B  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1973 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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8E.

(A) IF THE COMPTROLLER NOTIFIES THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE CHIEF DEPUTY COMPTROLLER IN WRITING THAT HE WILL BE TEMPORARILY UNABLE OR UNAVAILABLE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE, THE CHIEF DEPUTY COMPTROLLER SHALL SERVE COMMENCE SERVING AS ACTING COMPTROLLER FROM THE DATE SPECIFIED BY THE COMPTROLLER UNLESS NOTIFIED IN WRITING BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THAT THEY HAVE APPOINTED ANOTHER AS ACTING COMPTROLLER.

(B) IF THE COMPTROLLER ~~IS RENDERED~~ HAS BECOME UNABLE OR IS UNAVAILABLE AND HAS NOT GIVEN THE NOTIFICATION PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A), THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, IN WRITING, MAY MAKE A FORMAL DETERMINATION OF ~~THE UNAVAILABILITY OR INCAPACITY THAT INABILITY OR UNAVAILABILITY OF THE COMPTROLLER.~~ UPON THIS A DETERMINATION, THE CHIEF DEPUTY COMPTROLLER SHALL SERVE AS ACTING COMPTROLLER UNLESS NOTIFIED IN WRITING BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THAT THEY HAVE APPOINTED ANOTHER AS ACTING COMPTROLLER.

(C) UPON PETITION OF THE COMPTROLLER, THE ACTING COMPTROLLER, THE TREASURER, OR THE GOVERNOR, THE COURT OF APPEALS HAS EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION TO MAKE DETERMINATIONS OF ISSUES ARISING UNDER THIS SECTION AND TO ENTER APPROPRIATE ORDERS.

(D) ANY PERSON SERVING AS ACTING COMPTROLLER SHALL HAVE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER. ~~THE ACTING COMPTROLLER SHALL SERVE AS COMPTROLLER UNTIL A STATEMENT IN WRITING HAS BEEN MADE BY THE PARTY INITIATING THE COMPTROLLER'S TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT DETERMINING THAT THE COMPTROLLER IS ABLE TO RESUME THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE. WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH A DETERMINATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO ALL PARTIES.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect contingent upon the adoption of an