

"Article 21 - Procurement" providing that the Board of Public Works has the power and authority over procurement matters of the State; authorizing the Board to promulgate regulations governing procedures for review and approval of procurement contracts, delegation of procurement authority and determining availability of funds consistent with that Article; authorizing the Board to establish procurement advisory councils authorizing the Departments of General Services, Transportation, Budget and Fiscal Planning, and the University of Maryland to adopt regulations consistent with this Article concerning procurement procedures; requiring that contracts be entered into in accordance with that Article; establishing the procedures which govern the award of State procurement contracts; declaring a policy preference for competitively bid contracts and requiring certain determinations before other methods of awarding contracts may be used; requiring that specifications for procurement of supplies, services, and construction be adopted to assure maximum practicable competition in procurement; prohibiting the use of a certain type of contract; stating a preference for certain other types of contracts; specifying the manner of changing State procurement contracts; requiring the Board to promulgate regulations providing for multiyear contracts; abolishing the Transportation Board of Contract Appeals and establishing the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals; providing for the settlement of contract disputes, the appeal of certain of these disputes to the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals; providing that this Article shall ~~repeat~~ supersede inconsistent laws to the extent of the inconsistency; transferring certain provisions of existing Articles of the Code relating to these matters to the new Procurement Article; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions; changing certain provisions of existing procurement law for compatibility with the provisions of the new Procurement Article; generally relating to State procurement law; correcting errors; and making stylistic changes.

BY adding

New Article 21 - Procurement
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1973 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY transferring, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments
Section 231-IB
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)