

administrative functions and duties in connection with the operation of the retirement systems as may be delegated to him by the Secretary. The assistant secretary of personnel for retirement systems shall be appointed by the Secretary with the advice and consent of all three boards of trustees of the retirement systems. The assistant secretary of personnel for retirement systems shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary and must be removed by the Secretary when the Secretary is so requested by all three boards of trustees of the retirement systems. The person who is the director of the retirement systems as of May 31, 1970, shall become the assistant secretary of personnel for retirement systems.] The Secretary of Personnel shall also have such other assistants, professional consultants and employees as provided for in this Code or in the State budget. All assistant secretaries[, except the assistant secretary of personnel for retirement systems,] and professional consultants shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary[, except as provided in Article 73B, §§ 12(9) and 87 and § 54(9) of Article 88B of the Code]. All other employees, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be appointed and removed by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

216.

(a) The following agencies and boards shall be included within the Department of Personnel: the office of the Secretary of Personnel as provided for in this article and in Article 64A of the Code; the Board of Ethics established by the Governor pursuant to § 14A of this article and Article 19A, § 3, of the Code; [the board of trustees of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland provided for in Article 73B, § 12, of the Code; the board of trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland provided for in Article 73B § 87 of the Code; the board of trustees of the State Police Retirement System of the State of Maryland provided for in Article 88B, § 54, of the Code;] and such other agencies, commissions, boards, committees, councils or units of government as may hereafter pursuant to law be declared to be part of the Department of Personnel.

217.

(b) The Secretary of Personnel shall be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations for his office. He shall review and shall have the power to approve or disapprove or revise the rules and regulations of all of the boards, offices and agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Personnel[, except for the rules and regulations of the boards of trustees of the retirement systems and the administration of the funds created by Article 73B, and Article 88B, subtitle "State Police Retirement System," of the Code].