

“agency”, “office”, or “commission”. In revised articles of the Code, the term “unit” is used as the general term for an organization in government because it is broad enough to include all such entities.

References to current units and positions are substituted for obsolete references to entities and positions that have been abolished or have otherwise ceased to exist.

Also throughout this Division II, references to the “chair” of a committee or other unit are substituted for former references to “chairman” in accordance with the style manual of the Office of Policy Analysis of the Department of Legislative Services. SG § 2-1238(11) requires the Office of Policy Analysis to include in the style manual “a drafting rule that requires, to the extent practicable, the use of words that are neutral as to gender except for a subject matter that specifically applies only to one gender and except for a name or organizational title”.

Also throughout this Division II, for clarity and consistency, references to “the residents of the State” are substituted for former references to “citizens of the State” and “citizens of this State” because the meaning of the word “citizen” is unclear and the attribute of State residency seems the most relevant in the context of this Division II.

In some instances, the staff of the Department of Legislative Services may create “Special Revisor’s Notes” to reflect the substantive effect of legislation enacted during the 2006 Session on some provisions of this Division II.

**SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That nothing in this Act affects the term of office of an appointed or elected member of any commission, office, department, agency, or other unit. An individual who is a member of a unit on the effective date of this Act shall remain a member for the balance of the term to which appointed or elected, unless the member sooner dies, resigns, or is removed under provisions of law.

**SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That, except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction or employment status affected by or flowing from any change of nomenclature or any statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act and validly entered into or existing before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest flowing from a statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced as required or allowed by any statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act as though the repeal, amendment, or transfer had not occurred. If a change in name or designation of any State unit, the successor unit shall be considered in all respects as having the powers and obligations granted the former unit.

**SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That the continuity of every commission, office, department, agency, or other unit is retained. The personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, and other properties and all appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of each retained unit are continued as the personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, properties, appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of the unit under the laws enacted by this Act.