

The word "unit" is substituted, as the defined term, for the former word "agency", for consistency with the terminology used in this article. See the General Revisor's Note to this article.

In paragraph (1) of this subsection, the phrase "in the Executive Branch" is added to modify "officer or unit". Therefore, the former exception for "those in the legislative or judicial branches" is deleted.

Defined terms: "Includes"; "including" § 1-101
"Regulation" § 7-201

7-202. ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A DIVISION OF STATE DOCUMENTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of former Art. 41, § 131B.

The second sentence of former Art. 41, § 131B, which referred generally to duties under the State Documents Law, is deleted as unnecessary in light of § 7-204(a) of this subtitle.

7-203. ADMINISTRATOR.

(A) POSITION AND APPOINTMENT.

THE HEAD OF THE DIVISION IS THE ADMINISTRATOR, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(B) TENURE.

(1) THE ADMINISTRATOR HOLDS OFFICE DURING GOOD BEHAVIOR.

(2) SUBJECT TO THE HEARING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR INEFFICIENCY, NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY, OR MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE.

(3) BEFORE THE GOVERNOR REMOVES THE ADMINISTRATOR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL:

(I) PREPARE WRITTEN CHARGES; AND

(II) GIVE THE ADMINISTRATOR A COPY OF THE CHARGES AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

(4) NOTICE OF THE HEARING SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE ADMINISTRATOR AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING.

(5) THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY BE REPRESENTED AT THE HEARING BY COUNSEL.