

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, the former clause "[a]pproval by the General Assembly or its presiding officers, as provided in this section, is not required if", is deleted as surplusage.

Article 19 - Comptroller

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[He may employ clerks, assistants and other help, in such numbers and at such salaries as may be provided for by the budget of appropriations, all of whom shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Comptroller. He may designate one of his clerks or assistants as chief deputy comptroller and such number of other clerks and/or assistants as he may deem necessary as deputy comptrollers. The chief deputy comptroller or each deputy comptroller shall, upon entering the duties of their respective offices, be covered by surety bonds in accordance with the provisions of §§ 46 through 50 of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.] The chief deputy comptroller and each deputy comptroller [upon his designation and qualification as above provided, shall have power to] MAY grant all warrants for money to be paid out of the treasury, in pursuance of appropriations by law and countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer upon any bank or banks in which the monies of the State may from time to time be deposited, subject to all the limitations imposed by law upon the Comptroller in granting such warrants and the countersigning of such checks. [The chief deputy comptroller and each other deputy comptroller shall act as such only during the pleasure of the Comptroller, and the power to act as such chief deputy comptroller or deputy comptroller may be terminated at any time by the Comptroller for any cause which he may deem sufficient. In the event of sickness or absence of the Comptroller, the power of the chief deputy comptroller or any deputy comptroller to grant warrants and countersign checks may be terminated by the Board of Public Works or a majority of its members for any cause which they may deem sufficient. The termination of the power of the chief deputy and/or any other deputy comptroller to grant warrants and to countersign checks shall not of itself operate to terminate his employment as clerk, assistant, or other employee. Whenever the powers of any person to act as chief deputy comptroller or deputy comptroller are terminated as herein provided, the Comptroller may designate some other clerk or assistant to act as such chief deputy comptroller or deputy comptroller, subject to the limitations and conditions above prescribed.]

REVISOR'S NOTE: Ch. _____, Acts of 1984, which enacted the State Government Article, also amended this section to delete the former first through third and fifth through eighth sentences and to make stylistic changes.