

(2) With the approval of the board [of directors], the treasurer may authorize an employee of the Service to serve as his deputy and to disburse money for the purposes of the Service as provided by law, and subject to restrictions and other conditions that the treasurer establishes. The deputy treasurer shall be covered by a surety bond in accordance with the provisions of law concerning the State Employees Surety Bond Committee.

[(g)](F) The Attorney General of Maryland shall be the legal advisor for the Service and the board [of directors in carrying out their duties under this subtitle]. He shall enforce compliance with the requirements of this subtitle through any appropriate legal remedy and prosecute violations in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL ASSIGN TO THE SERVICE THE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL AND OTHER STAFF REQUESTED BY THE SERVICE. ONE OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS COUNSEL TO THE SERVICE. THE COUNSEL TO THE SERVICE SHALL HAVE NO OTHER DUTY THAN TO RENDER, SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION AND CONTROL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE LEGAL AID, ADVICE, AND COUNSEL REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR, THE BOARD, AND THE OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE SERVICE AND, ALSO SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION AND CONTROL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO SUPERVISE THE OTHER ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL ASSIGNED TO THE SERVICE. THE COUNSEL AND EVERY OTHER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSIGNED TO THE SERVICE SHALL BE PRACTICING LAWYERS OF THIS STATE IN GOOD STANDING AND SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A SALARY FROM THE FUNDS OF THE SERVICE. AFTER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS DESIGNATED AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SERVE AS COUNSEL TO THE SERVICE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY NOT REASSIGN THE COUNSEL WITHOUT ~~THE APPROVAL~~ ~~OF CONSULTING WITH~~ THE DIRECTOR AND THE BOARD. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE SERVICE MAY EMPLOY ADDITIONAL COUNSEL THAT IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

[(h)](G) (1) [For projects in which the Service is engaged, the] THE Service is exempt from the provisions of Part III of Subtitle 3 and Subtitles [4] 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Title 4 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(2) THE SERVICE IS EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION II OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, BUT IS NOT EXEMPT FROM SUBTITLE 3 OF TITLE 14, TITLE 16, AND TITLE 17 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(3) ALL PURCHASES BY THE SERVICE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CONTRACTS AND ORDERS FOR MATERIALS, SERVICES, AND SUPPLIES PERFORMED OR FURNISHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY PROJECT OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE SERVICE, SHALL BE AWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, WHICH RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL PROVIDE, WITH RESPECT TO CONTRACTS AND ORDERS INVOLVING THE EXPENDITURE OF MORE THAN \$10,000 FOR AWARD AFTER EITHER COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR PUBLIC DESIGN COMPETITION, AND WHICH RULES AND REGULATIONS NEED NOT BE APPROVED BY ANY OTHER BOARD, AGENCY, OR DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE. THE SERVICE'S