

(2) He may establish areas of responsibility within his office and designate assistants to be in charge of such areas.

(3) All staff assistants in the Secretary's office in charge of particular areas of responsibility, and all professional consultants shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.

(4) Except as otherwise provided by law, all other employees of the Secretary's office shall be appointed and removed by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel Article that govern classified service employees.

(c) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 1 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE appointment or removal of personnel by an administration, board, [commission] COMMISSIONS, division, or other agency within the jurisdiction of the Department shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary.

(2) The Secretary may delegate this power of approval to the heads or governing bodies of the boards, commissions, divisions or other agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department.

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(a) The Attorney General shall be the legal adviser to the Department.

(b) He shall assign to the Department such number of ~~{assistant}~~ attorneys ~~{general}~~ as are now authorized by law to be assigned to the various departments, agencies, boards, commissions, councils, or units which are, or may hereafter by law be deemed to be, part of the Department; and he shall also assign to the Department such additional number of ~~{assistant}~~ attorneys ~~{general}~~ as may hereafter be authorized by law for such Department. One ~~{of the said}~~ assistant ~~{attorneys}~~ ~~ATTORNEY~~ general shall be designated by the Attorney General as counsel to the Department. The counsel to the Department shall have no duty other than to render, subject to the discretion and control of the Attorney General, such legal aid, advice and counsel as the Secretary, THE COMMISSION, and the other officials of said Department may require, and the supervision of the other ~~{assistant}~~ attorneys ~~{general}~~ assigned to the Department. After the Attorney General has designated an assistant attorney general to serve as counsel to the Department, the Attorney General shall not reassign said counsel without consultation with the Secretary. The counsel to the Department, and the other ~~{assistant}~~ attorneys ~~{general}~~ so employed, shall each perform such legal duties for the Department as the Attorney General may, from time to time, assign to them; and the Attorney General is hereby authorized to assign to them, and each of them, the performance subject to his discretion and control, of any of the duties with respect to said Department required of him by law. All [such] assistant attorneys general shall be practicing lawyers of the State of Maryland, in good standing, and they shall receive such compensation as shall be provided in the State budget.

(c) This section does not apply to any divisions, commissions, boards, authorities or other agencies within the Department to the extent that such divisions, commissions, boards, authorities or other agencies are authorized by law to employ their own legal advisers or counsel.