

(a) As of ~~June 30~~ July 1, 1996, and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Department of Personnel is hereby abolished as an independent unit within the Executive Branch, and that, as of July 1, 1996, the Department of Budget and Management shall be the successor of the Department of Personnel.

(b) As of July 1, 1996, the positions of Secretary of Personnel and Deputy Secretary of Personnel are abolished, and the Secretary of Budget and Management shall be the successor of the Secretary of Personnel.

(c) In every law, executive order, rule, regulation, policy, or document created by any official, employee, or unit of this State, the names and titles of those officials, employees, or units mean the names and titles of the successor official, employee, or unit, as provided in this Act.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) All employees who are transferred to the Department of Budget and Management from the Department of General Services and the Department of Personnel subject to the implementation of this Act shall be so transferred without diminution of their rights, benefits, or employment and retirement status.

(b) The provisions of Section 9-501(c) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article apply to those employees whose positions are deleted from the Fiscal Year 1997 State budget and who are neither transferred to other State employment nor transferred to the Department of Budget and Management.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Budget and Management shall submit to the fiscal committees of the General Assembly the proposed classifications of all positions in the Executive Pay Plan to be assigned to the Department of Budget and Management. The fiscal committees shall have 45 days to review and comment to the Department of Budget and Management on the proposed Executive Pay Plan classifications.

SECTION ~~6.~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act affects the term of office of a member of any department, board, commission, committee, agency, or other unit ~~until the reorganization required under this Act is accomplished on July 1, 1996.~~ A person who is a member of such a ~~department, board, commission, committee, agency, or unit~~ on the effective date of this Act shall remain a member for the balance of the term to which appointed ~~or until July 1, 1996, whichever occurs first,~~ unless the member sooner dies, resigns, or is removed under provisions of law.

SECTION ~~7.~~ 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~the continuity of every department, board, commission, committee, agency, or other unit affected by this Act shall be retained until July 1, 1996. As of that date,~~ except as otherwise provided by law, all property of whatsoever kind, including all real and personal property, records, fixtures, appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, obligations, rights, and privileges, held by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, the telecommunications components of the Department of General Services transferred by this Act, and the Department of Personnel, or any of their units, as that property and those records, fixtures,