

one Department of Legislative Services, headed by an Executive Director and organized to meet the staffing needs of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, While the reorganization of the legislative staffing agencies is intended to address the changing needs and priorities of the members and committees of the General Assembly, the Legislature is committed to adhering to a central, nonpartisan staff structure as a prerequisite for any type of operational change to its staff agencies; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 2-605; 2-1201 through 2-1207, and 2-1209 and the subtitle "Subtitle 12. Staff and Services - Department of Fiscal Services"; 2-1301 through 2-1307 and 2-1315 through 2-1318 and the subtitle "Subtitle 13. Staff and Services - Department of Legislative Reference"; the subtitle designation "Subtitle 14. Staff and Services - Accounting, Security, and General Services"; and the subtitle designation "Subtitle 14A. Miscellaneous Provisions on Staff" in Title 2; and various parts of Article - State Government of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

SUBTITLE 12. STAFF AND SERVICES - DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES.

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

2-1201. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES.

(C) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT.

2-1202. DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

2-1203. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - IN GENERAL

(A) THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER.

(B) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

(1) SERVES WITHOUT A FIXED TERM AND MAY BE REMOVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER;

(2) IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET;