

**Article – State Finance and Procurement**

3-203.

(a) (2) The Deputy Secretary:

(i) is in the [unclassified] EXECUTIVE service of the State Personnel Management System and serves at the pleasure of the Secretary;

(c) (2) Each assistant secretary and professional consultant is in the [unclassified service of] EXECUTIVE SERVICE, MANAGEMENT SERVICE, OR IS A SPECIAL APPOINTMENT IN the State Personnel Management System and is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

(3) Except as provided in this section or otherwise by law, the Secretary shall appoint and remove all other staff in accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article [that govern classified service employees].

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(b) (1) All employees and personnel of the Central Collection Unit shall:

(i) except for assistant Attorneys General assigned to the Central Collection Unit, be [unclassified service employees] IN THE MANAGEMENT SERVICE OR SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS in the State Personnel Management System who are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary and are not subject to Title 11, Subtitle 2 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article; and

(2) Except for employees in the Executive Pay Plan and any assistant Attorneys General assigned to the Central Collection Unit, [an unclassified service] A MANAGEMENT SERVICE OR SPECIAL APPOINTMENT OF THE SKILLED SERVICE OR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE employee of the Central Collection Unit may not be permanently removed [from the unclassified service] except for cause and until written charges have been filed and a hearing has been conducted in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article. This paragraph does not apply to the removal of [an unclassified service] A MANAGEMENT SERVICE OR SPECIAL APPOINTMENT employee because of a layoff that resulted from:

- (i) a lack of work; or
- (ii) the lack of an appropriation.

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(a) (2) The Deputy Secretary:

(i) is in the [unclassified] EXECUTIVE service of the State Personnel Management System and serves at the pleasure of the Secretary;

(b) (2) Each staff assistant in the Office of the Secretary in charge of a particular area of responsibility and each professional consultant is in the [unclassified service of] EXECUTIVE SERVICE, MANAGEMENT SERVICE, OR IS A SPECIAL APPOINTMENT IN the State Personnel Management System and is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.