

THE DEPUTY SECRETARIES:

(1) SHALL ASSIST THE SECRETARY IN ADMINISTERING THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(2) HAVE THE OTHER DUTIES PROVIDED BY LAW OR DELEGATED BY THE SECRETARY.

(D) ACTING SECRETARY.

THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE A DEPUTY SECRETARY TO BE THE ACTING SECRETARY WHEN THE SECRETARY IS ABSENT FROM THE STATE OR OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

(E) AUTHORITY TO REMOVE.

IF THE SECRETARY IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, TO A PARTICULAR OFFICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE APPOINTEE IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY, THE SECRETARY MAY NOT REMOVE THE APPOINTEE WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 41, § 4-103(a) and (e).

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the reference to "compensation" is substituted for the former reference to "salary" for accuracy and consistency throughout this article. See General Revisor's Note to this article.

Defined terms: "Department" § 1-101

"Secretary" § 1-101

2-106. STAFF — SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET, THE SECRETARY MAY EMPLOY A STAFF ATTACHED TO THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

(B) AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THE SECRETARY MAY DESIGNATE A STAFF ASSISTANT TO BE IN CHARGE OF A PARTICULAR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

(C) EMPLOYMENT STATUS.

(1) (I) THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT EACH STAFF ASSISTANT IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF A PARTICULAR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND EACH PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT.

(II) AN EMPLOYEE SPECIFIED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH: