

and procedures to minimize reliance on budget amendments for appropriations that could be included in a deficiency appropriation.

SECTION 37. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED. That no funds in this budget may be expended to pay the salary of a Secretary or Acting Secretary of any department whose nomination as Secretary has been rejected by the Senate or an Acting Secretary who was serving in that capacity prior to the 2007 session whose nomination for the Secretary position was not put forward and approved by the Senate during the 2007 session.

SECTION 38. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED. That the Board of Public Works, in exercising its authority to create additional positions pursuant to Section 7-236 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, may authorize during the fiscal year no more than 50 positions in excess of the total number of authorized State positions on July 1, 2007, as determined by the Secretary of Budget and Management. Provided, however, that if the imposition of this ceiling causes undue hardship in any department, agency, board, or commission, additional positions may be created for that affected unit to the extent that positions authorized by the General Assembly for the fiscal year are abolished in that unit or in other units of State government. It is further provided that the limit of 50 does not apply to any position that may be created in conformance with specific manpower statutes that may be enacted by the State or federal government nor to any positions created to implement block grant actions or to implement a program reflecting fundamental changes in federal/State relationships. It is further provided that the limit of 50 also does not apply to up to 100 new full-time equivalent regular positions necessary to staff Victor Cullen Academy as a State-owned facility in fiscal 2008. Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the Board of Public Works may authorize additional positions to meet public emergencies resulting from an act of God and violent acts of men, which are necessary to protect the health and safety of the people of Maryland.

The Board of Public Works may authorize the creation of additional positions within the Executive Branch provided that 1.25 full-time equivalent contractual positions are abolished for each regular position authorized and that there be no increase in agency funds in the current budget and the next two subsequent budgets as the result of this action. It is the intent of the General Assembly that priority is given to converting individuals that have been in a contractual position for at least two years. Any position created by this method shall not be counted within the limitation of 50 under this section.

In addition to any positions created within the limitation of 50 under this section, the Board of Public Works may authorize the creation of no more than 150 positions within the Department of Human Resources to provide services purchased by Local Management Boards through contracts with local departments of social services. If a Local Management Board terminates a contract with a local department of social services during the fiscal year, all the positions created by the Board of Public Works to provide services under the terms of that contract shall be abolished.

In addition to any positions created within the limitation of 50 under this section, the Board of Public Works may authorize the creation of positions within the Department of Human Resources to provide services funded by grants from sources