

In some provisions in this article, as in other revised articles, the term "unit" is substituted for former references to State entities such as an "agency", "department", "division", "office", "commission", "board", "committee", and "council". In revised articles of the Code, the term "unit" is used as the general term for an organization in the State government because it is broad enough to include all such entities.

References to current units and positions are substituted for obsolete references to entities and positions that have been abolished or have otherwise ceased to exist.

In some "Membership" provisions in this article, there is a subsection captioned "Tenure; vacancies". A standard paragraph included in those subsections provides that a "member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies". This paragraph applies: (1) when a successor is appointed to replace a member who has died, resigned, or failed for any other reason to complete a term; (2) when a member is appointed to succeed a member who has "held over" into the next term, pending the delayed appointment and qualification of the successor; or (3) when, in any other situation, a member takes office after a term has begun, *e.g.*, when, at the completion of a term, there is a delay in the appointment of a successor but the member who served the prior term does not "hold over".

The Human Services Article Review Committee considered two provisions contained in the human services laws to be more suitable for revision in other articles.

Former Art. 88A, § 13B, which provided that each reference to a local department of social services, as applied to Montgomery County, meant the Montgomery County government, is revised in Art. 1, § 34 of the Code.

Former Art. 70B, § 4(c), which provided for State employment of individuals 70 years old or older, is revised in § 6-306 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article. Some apparently obsolete provisions allocated to the Human Services Article are transferred to the Session Laws for historical purposes or to avoid any inadvertent substantive effect their repeal might have.

In some instances, the staff of the Department of Legislative Services may create "Special Revisor's Notes" to reflect the substantive effect of legislation enacted during the 2007 Session on some provisions of this article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation

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(a) Unnumbered revised articles of the Annotated Code of Maryland may be cited as stated in this section.

(b) A section of the Agriculture Article may be cited as: "§ ___ of the Agriculture Article".