

Also throughout this article, for consistency and to avoid unnecessary confusion, the singular verb "adopt" is used in relation to rules or regulations, and verbs such as "prescribe" and "promulgate" are deleted. The procedures to be followed in adopting regulations are set forth in Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article.

Also throughout this article, for consistency, the word "law" is substituted for former phrases such as "law or regulation" because the broad reference to a "law" includes a "regulation" adopted under the authority of a law. *See, e.g., Maryland Port Administration v. Brawner Contracting Co.*, 303 Md. 44, 60 (1985).

Also throughout this article, for accuracy, references to "compensation" are substituted for former references to "salary" when referring to remuneration that is provided to an individual in the State budget. The term "compensation" is substituted for the term "salary" to include nonsalary benefits that are provided in the State budget (*e.g.*, retirement and health care benefits). These substitutions do not make substantive changes in law because references to "compensation" in these contexts are always restricted by the phrase "as provided in the State budget". Similarly, the phrase "as a member of the board" is added to provisions restricting compensation of members of boards, commissions, and similar units to clarify that the prohibition on receipt of compensation only applies to a member of the unit in the capacity of that individual as a member.

Also throughout this article, for accuracy, references to "money" are substituted for the former references to "funds" to avoid confusion between an account, referred to as a "fund", and the monetary resources included within or allocated to that account, sometimes referred to as "funds" in the former law.

Also throughout this article, in provisions that establish an office for an officer or member of a unit with a defined, specific length of term, references to removal of the officer or member "with or without cause" are substituted for the former references to service "at the pleasure" of the appointing authority. The concept of service "at the pleasure" implies service for an indefinite term. For an office with a definite term, the concept of service "at the pleasure" implies the ability to remove the officer or member at will, regardless of the term of office specified in law. This distinguishes the particular office from the offices without a stated service or removal provision, under which the common standards for removal include conviction of a crime, failure to attend meetings, incompetence, or misconduct. *See* Md. Constitution, Art. XV, § 2; SG § 8-501; *cf.* former Art. 41, § 8-102(c) through (e); BR § 8-202(g). The substitution is not intended to affect the authority of the appointing body to adopt certain or different conditions concerning removal with cause and removal without cause.

Also throughout this article, for clarity and consistency with other recently revised articles, references to "the public", "members of the public", and "residents"