

are substituted for former phrases such as "the citizens of this State" and "the citizens of Maryland" because the meaning of the word "citizen" in this context is unclear.

Also throughout this article, for consistency with other recently revised articles, the term "municipal corporation" is substituted for former references such as "municipality", "incorporated city", "incorporated town", and "incorporated municipality" to conform to Article XI-E of the Maryland Constitution.

Also throughout this article, for consistency, the former phrase "real or personal", which formerly modified the comprehensive term "property", is deleted to avoid the implication that there is any other form of property which is neither real nor personal. Similarly, the phrases "tangible or intangible" and "tangible, intangible, or mixed", which formerly modified the comprehensive term "property" are deleted to avoid the implication that there is any other form of property that is not tangible, intangible, or that has a mixture of attributes other than tangible and intangible attributes. Also similarly, former references to "interests in" property, in conjunction with references to "property", are deleted as implicit in the comprehensive references to "property". Unless otherwise qualified by specific terms such as "real" or "personal", any reference to "property" in this article means property of any sort, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or with any permissible mixture of those attributes, even in conjunction with a phrase such as an "interest in land". See, e.g., §§ 10-116(a)(2), 10-315(a)(1)(i), 10-410(2), 10-511(2), 10-601(d)(2)(i), and other similar provisions of this article.

For the first time, the statutory definitions applicable to an entire article distinguish between the term "state" when not capitalized, meaning any state or territory of the United States, and the term "State" when capitalized, meaning Maryland alone. This codifies the drafting convention used by the Department of Legislative Services in preparing revised articles and all recently enacted legislation. See §§ 1-101 and 9-101 of this article.

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.

References to the "chair" and "vice-chair", respectively, are substituted for former references to the "chairman" and "vice-chairman", respectively, because § 2-1238 of the State Government Article requires, to the extent practicable, the use of words that are neutral as to gender. Similar substitutions are made to other former gender-specific terms.