

Accordingly, except to the extent that changes, which are noted in Revisor's Notes, clarify the former law, the enactment of these Titles 14, 15, and 16 in no way is intended to make any change to the substantive law of Maryland relating to the Office of the State Prosecutor, the Office of the State's Attorney, or the Office of the Public Defender.

Throughout Titles 15 and 16, as in other revised articles, the word "regulations" generally is substituted for the former references to "rules and regulations" to distinguish, to the extent possible, between regulations of executive units and rules of judicial or legislative units and to establish consistency in the use of the words. This substitution conforms to the practice of the Division of State Documents.

In many provisions in these titles, as in other revised articles, the word "unit" is substituted for former references to governmental entities such as an "agency", "board", or "commission". In revised articles of the Code, the word "unit" is used as the general term for an organization in 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.

Also throughout these titles, references to the "chair" of a committee or other unit are substituted for former references to "chairman" in accordance with the style manual of the Office of Policy Analysis of the Department of Legislative Services. SG § 2-1238(11) requires the Office of Policy Analysis to include in the style manual "a drafting rule that requires, to the extent practicable, the use of words that are neutral as to gender except for a subject matter that specifically applies only to one gender and except for a name or organizational title".

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 2008 Session on some provisions of these titles.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intention of the General Assembly that, except as expressly provided in this Act, this Act shall be construed as a nonsubstantive revision, and may not otherwise be construed to render any substantive change in the law of the State.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the catchlines, captions, Revisor's Notes, Special Revisor's Notes, and General Revisor's Notes contained in this Act are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this Act.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act affects the term of office of an appointed or elected member of any commission, office,