

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Department of Public Improvements

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Established By: Md. Code Ann., art. 78A, § 17—Under Board of Public Works.

Head: Director Md. Code Ann., art. 78A, § 18.
Qualified registered engineer.

Member: Director appointed by the governor.

Term: 4 years.

Removal: By governor for official misconduct, incompetency or neglect of duty Md. Code Ann., art. 78A, § 18.

Employees: Md. Code Ann., art. 78A, § 19. Director appoints a deputy and other employees. The appointment of all employees, other than the deputy director or executive secretary, shall be from the classified service and in accordance with the merit system. The deputy director or executive secretary shall be appointed and hold office at the will of the director. If such an appointee is subsequently removed to hold his position as deputy, he shall be restored to the merit system status. 54 merit employees and 6 unclassified employees.

Function: To assist and advise the Board of Public Works and other agencies on engineering surveys, plans, etc., and contracts for public improvements. Appoints architects and engineers subject to approval of Board of Public Works. Md. Code Ann., art. 78A, §§ 21-22.

Board of Architectural Review

Established By: Md. Code Ann., art. 78A, § 23.

Head: No statutory provision.

Members: 7 members appointed by director of public improvements from certain lists.

Term: 4 years.

Removal: No provision in statute.

Function: Director of public improvements refers all major and important architectural problems and plans concerning the construction, etc., of State buildings. Md. Code Ann., art. 78A, § 23.

Art Commission

Established By: Board of Public Works, 1961.