

OTHER THAN TO RENDER, SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION AND CONTROL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SUCH LEGAL AID, ADVICE AND COUNSEL AS THE SECRETARY AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE, AND THE SUPERVISION OF THE OTHER ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT. AFTER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS DESIGNATED AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SERVE AS COUNSEL TO THE SAID DEPARTMENT, HE SHALL NOT REASSIGN SAID COUNSEL WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING. THE COUNSEL TO THE SAID DEPARTMENT, AND THE OTHER ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL SO EMPLOYED, SHALL EACH PERFORM SUCH LEGAL DUTIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY, FROM TIME TO TIME, ASSIGN TO THEM; AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ASSIGN TO THEM, AND EACH OF THEM, THE PERFORMANCE, SUBJECT TO HIS DISCRETION AND CONTROL, OF ANY OF THE DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO SAID DEPARTMENT REQUIRED OF HIM BY LAW. ALL SUCH ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL SHALL BE PRACTICING LAWYERS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, IN GOOD STANDING, AND THEY SHALL RECEIVE SUCH COMPENSATION AS SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(e) *The Secretary shall be responsible for the budget of the Department of State Planning and for the promulgation of all rules and regulations of the Department.*

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(a) *The Secretary of State Planning shall also: (1) have access, or designate staff members of the Department who shall have access, to information, reports and data which relate to State planning in the possession of departments, agencies or instrumentalities of the State, or in the possession of regional, metropolitan, county, municipal or other local agencies and instrumentalities; (2) have the right to enter, or designate staff members of the Department who may enter, at reasonable times and in such a manner as to cause no unnecessary injury upon any land in order to make examinations and surveys related to State planning; (3) hold hearings ~~whenever he deems it necessary~~ on matters of State planning WHENEVER IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND, after ADEQUATE PUBLIC notice; ~~to interested parties~~; (4) attend meetings of regional or metropolitan planning commissions and interstate and other planning conferences, in the interest of intergovernmental planning cooperation; and (5) exercise all other powers necessary and proper for the discharge of his duties.*

(b) *The Secretary of State Planning shall have a seal for purposes of authentication of copies of records or papers in his office.*

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*The State Planning Department and the Office of Director of State Planning are hereby abolished. Whenever the terms "State Planning Department" or "Director of State Planning" are used in any provisions of this Code, or in any other laws, ordinances,*