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CHAPTER 13
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION

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§ 281. Commissioner; removal; salary

The Department of Finance and Administration, as heretofore established, shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as are set forth in this Title and Title 36.

The Department shall be under the supervision and control of a Commissioner of Finance and Administration, as heretofore appointed and hereinafter in this chapter called the "commissioner," who shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, to serve for a term of 7 years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

The commissioner may be removed from office by the Governor and Council for cause.

Any vacancy in the said office shall be filled by appointment for a like term in the same manner.

The salary of the commissioner shall be fixed by the Governor and Council.

R.S.1954, c. 16, § 1; 1957, c. 340, § 1.

§ 282. Powers and duties of commissioner

The commissioner may employ such bureau chiefs as may be necessary, with the approval of the Governor. The bureau chiefs shall be under the immediate supervision, direction and control of the commissioner and shall perform such duties as he may prescribe, except as otherwise provided by law.

The salaries of the bureau chiefs shall be fixed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor.

The commissioner may employ such deputies, assistants and employees as may be necessary, subject to the Personnel Law.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the commissioner because of death, resignation, removal from office or other cause, the various bureau chiefs, deputies and assistants shall continue in office and perform such duties as have been prescribed or as-

signed to them, until said vacancy has been filled by the appointment and qualification of a new commissioner.

The commissioner shall have the duty and authority:

1. Aide to Governor. To serve as the principal administrative and fiscal aide to the Governor;

2. Financial planning. To coordinate financial planning and programming activities of departments and agencies of the State Government for review and action by the Governor and Council;

3. Financial data and statistics. To prepare and report to the Governor or to the Legislature such financial data or statistics as may be required or requested by them;

4. Direct bureaus. To supervise and direct the activities of the bureaus which may by statute be designated as being under the Department of Finance and Administration;

5. Other powers and duties. To exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be designated by statute.

R.S.1954, c. 16, §§ 1, 6; 1957, c. 340, § 1; 1959, c. 33, § 1.

§ 283. Organization; bureau chiefs; vacancies

The commissioner shall organize the Department of Finance and Administration into bureaus, as follows:

1. Bureau of the Budget. Bureau of the Budget, the head of which shall be the State Budget Officer;

2. Bureau of Accounts and Control. The Bureau of Accounts and Control, the head of which shall be the State Controller;

3. Bureau of Public Improvements. Bureau of Public Improvements, the head of which shall be the State Director of Public Improvements;

4. Bureau of Purchases. Bureau of Purchases, the head of which shall be the State Purchasing Agent;

5. Bureau of Taxation. Bureau of Taxation, the head of which shall be the State Tax Assessor.

In the absence of any bureau chief from the State, or from his official duties, or in the event of a vacancy in the position of any one of them, the commissioner, or his authorized agent, may exercise the powers and perform the duties prescribed for such bureau chief.

R.S.1954, c. 16, §§ 6, 15; 1957, c. 340, § 1; 1959, c. 33, § 2.