

HOUSE BILL 1557

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By: **Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Procurement – ~~Department of General Services~~ – Real Estate Advisory**
3 **Committee and Property Acquisition and Lease Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Real Estate Advisory Committee in the Department of
5 General Services to ~~conduct a review of certain real estate transactions and make~~
6 ~~certain recommendations; requiring certain real estate transactions submitted to the~~
7 ~~Board of Public Works for approval to include certain information~~ advise the
8 Department, the Board of Public Works, and the General Assembly on certain real
9 estate matters; establishing additional requirements for the Board of Public Works
10 before approving the acquisition or lease of certain real property; and generally
11 relating to real estate transactions in State government.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – State Finance and Procurement
14 Section 4–417
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – State Finance and Procurement
19 Section 10–305
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Finance and Procurement

~~4-417.~~

(A) ~~(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(2) “ADVISORY COMMITTEE” MEANS THE REAL ESTATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.~~

~~(3) “BOARD” MEANS THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.~~

~~(4) “REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION” MEANS A LEASE, LEASE RENEWAL, OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY BY THE STATE GOVERNED BY §§ 4-411 THROUGH 4-416 OF THIS SUBTITLE WITH A TOTAL EXPECTED COST GREATER THAN \$500,000 PER YEAR.~~

(B) THERE IS A REAL ESTATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON INDUSTRY TRENDS, DEVELOPMENTS AND MOVEMENT IN THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SECTOR, AND BEST PRACTICES FOR REAL ESTATE ASSET MANAGEMENT IN THE STATE.

(D) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

~~(1) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;~~

~~(2) SIX MEMBERS WITH EXPERTISE IN REAL ESTATE PURCHASES, LEASES, AND LEASE RENEWALS;~~

~~(I) TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;~~

~~(II) TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND~~

~~(III) TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND~~

1 ~~(3)~~ AS EX OFFICIO, NONVOTING MEMBERS:

2 (I) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED
3 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

4 (II) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED
5 BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

6 (2) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY;

7 (3) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;
8 AND

9 (4) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

10 ~~(D)~~ (E) THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE
11 ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMITTEE.

12 ~~(E)~~ (F) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE
13 SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMITTEE.

14 ~~(F)~~ (G) A MEMBER OF THE ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMITTEE:

15 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
16 ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMITTEE; BUT

17 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
18 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

19 (H) THE COMMITTEE:

20 (1) SHALL MEET AT LEAST THREE TIMES ANNUALLY; AND

21 (2) SHALL REVIEW, AT LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR, THE STATE'S
22 LONG-TERM REAL ESTATE PLANS AND GOALS.

23 ~~(G)~~ ~~THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL:~~

24 ~~(1) PRIOR TO ANY FORMAL ACTION ON A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION~~
25 ~~BY A STATE AGENCY, ADVISE THE STATE AGENCY OF ANY ISSUES OF CONCERN~~
26 ~~REGARDING THE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION;~~

27 ~~(2) ON THE SELECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF A LEAD OFFEROR,~~
28 ~~IMMEDIATELY BEGIN REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION REVIEW;~~

1 ~~(3) NOT LESS THAN 1 YEAR PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF A LEASE OF~~
2 ~~PROPERTY UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, VOTE TO:~~

3 ~~(I) MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER THE REAL~~
4 ~~ESTATE TRANSACTION SHOULD MOVE FORWARD FOR SUBMISSION TO THE BOARD;~~
5 ~~OR~~

6 ~~(H) MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER A REAL ESTATE~~
7 ~~TRANSACTION OR SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION SHOULD~~
8 ~~BE REJECTED, REVISED, OR REMOVED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE BOARD FOR~~
9 ~~APPROVAL; AND~~

10 ~~(4) ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON THE DEPARTMENT'S LEASE~~
11 ~~PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES.~~

12 ~~(H) A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION OR SPECIFIC PROVISIONS NOT~~
13 ~~RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNDER~~
14 ~~SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE RESUBMITTED TO THE ADVISORY~~
15 ~~COMMITTEE FOR ADDITIONAL REVIEW.~~

16 ~~(I) EACH STATE AGENCY THAT SUBMITS A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR~~
17 ~~A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE WITH~~
18 ~~THE AGENCY'S SUBMISSION:~~

19 ~~(1) A FULL COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS COMPARING SIMILAR OR~~
20 ~~COMPARABLE PROPERTIES AND PURCHASE OPTIONS, INCLUDING A COMPARISON~~
21 ~~OF LEASE OPTIONS WITH PURCHASE OPTIONS, AND LEASE CONSOLIDATION~~
22 ~~OPTIONS;~~

23 ~~(2) AN ANALYSIS OF STATE AGENCY PARKING NEEDS AND COSTS,~~
24 ~~INCLUDING ANY RELATED CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE PROPERTY;~~

25 ~~(3) DOCUMENTS THAT JUSTIFY:~~

26 ~~(I) REAL ESTATE TERMS IN EXCESS OF TIME OR COST IN EXCESS~~
27 ~~OF ORDINARY AND REGULAR STATE CONTRACT TERMS;~~

28 ~~(H) RENT ESCALATION RATES IN EXCESS OF MARKET RATES;~~

29 ~~(HH) CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND COSTS FOR ANY OTHER PART OF~~
30 ~~THE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION, WITH CONSIDERATION FOR THE~~
31 ~~REASONABLENESS AND COST COMPETITIVENESS OF EACH ITEM;~~

1 ~~(IV) REMOVAL OF ANY STANDARD REAL ESTATE PROVISIONS,~~
2 ~~INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE LEASE OR TRANSACTION; AND~~

3 ~~(V) ANY ISSUES REGARDING NONCOMPETITIVE~~
4 ~~PROCUREMENTS;~~

5 ~~(4) A FULL OR SIGNIFICANT RENOVATION COST ANALYSIS, DISTINCT~~
6 ~~FROM THE OVERALL LEASE COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS, INCLUDING:~~

7 ~~(I) A JUSTIFICATION FOR NONCOMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT~~
8 ~~OF GOODS AND SERVICES;~~

9 ~~(II) A DEMONSTRATION THAT COSTS ARE NECESSARY,~~
10 ~~REASONABLE, AND APPROPRIATE; AND~~

11 ~~(III) A DEMONSTRATION THAT FULL FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR~~
12 ~~ALL RENOVATIONS; AND~~

13 ~~(5) LANDLORD PAYMENT DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING:~~

14 ~~(I) TOTAL PAYMENTS TO DATE TO THE LANDLORD;~~

15 ~~(II) PRIOR LEASE PAYMENTS;~~

16 ~~(III) TAX CREDITS OR OTHER STATE BENEFITS GRANTED TO THE~~
17 ~~LANDLORD; AND~~

18 ~~(IV) TAX CREDITS OR OTHER STATE BENEFITS FOR THE~~
19 ~~LOCATION OF THE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION.~~

20 ~~(J) A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION THAT IS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FOR~~
21 ~~APPROVAL SHALL INCLUDE:~~

22 ~~(1) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON A REAL~~
23 ~~ESTATE TRANSACTION OR SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION;~~
24 ~~AND~~

25 ~~(2) ALL INFORMATION SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS~~
26 ~~SECTION.~~

27 ~~(K) (I) (1) ON OR BEFORE ~~JANUARY~~ OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR,~~
28 ~~BEGINNING IN 2026, THE ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMITTEE SHALL ~~SUBMIT AN ANNUAL~~~~

1 REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE BOARD OF
 2 PUBLIC WORKS, THE DEPARTMENT, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE
 3 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4 ~~(2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:~~

5 ~~(I) A LIST OF ALL CURRENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS BY~~
 6 ~~THE STATE GOVERNED BY §§ 4-318 THROUGH 4-321 OF THIS TITLE AND §§ 4-411~~
 7 ~~THROUGH 4-416 OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING THE TERM OF DURATION AND~~
 8 ~~COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION;~~

9 ~~(II) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STATE AGENCIES THAT SUBMITTED~~
 10 ~~REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS TO THE ADVISORY~~
 11 ~~COMMITTEE;~~

12 ~~(III) THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF EACH REQUEST FOR~~
 13 ~~PROPOSALS FOR A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION;~~

14 ~~(IV) THE SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN BY THE AGENCY~~
 15 ~~FOLLOWING FINAL DISPOSITION OF EACH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A REAL~~
 16 ~~ESTATE TRANSACTION; AND~~

17 ~~(V) FOLLOWING BOARD APPROVAL, THE STATUS OF REAL~~
 18 ~~ESTATE TRANSACTIONS PUBLISHED IN eMARYLAND MARKETPLACE, LISTING~~
 19 ~~WHETHER THE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION PUBLICATION WAS ON TIME OR LATE.~~

20 ~~(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH ALL DATA REQUIRED IN THE~~
 21 ~~ANNUAL REPORT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE OR ON~~
 22 ~~A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE ONLINE DASHBOARD FOR PUBLIC REVIEW.~~

23 ~~(L) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A STATE~~
 24 ~~AGENCY FROM SUBMITTING OR LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF A STATE AGENCY TO~~
 25 ~~SUBMIT A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.~~

26 10-305.

27 (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, any real or personal property
 28 of the State or a unit of the State government may be sold, leased, transferred, exchanged,
 29 granted, or otherwise disposed of:

30 (1) to any person, to the United States or any of its units, or to any unit of
 31 the State government, for a consideration the Board decides is adequate; or

1 (2) to any county or municipal corporation in the State subject to any
2 conditions the Board imposes.

3 (b) (1) (i) Except as provided under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph,
4 this subsection applies to the sale, transfer, grant, or exchange of:

5 1. real property identified under § 5–310(c)(1) of this article;
6 and

7 2. State-owned real or personal property, funded in
8 accordance with an appropriation act of the General Assembly, that has an appraised value
9 over \$100,000.

10 (ii) This subsection does not apply to the following dispositions of
11 property identified in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph:

12 1. leasing the property;

13 2. the sale, transfer, grant, or exchange of a corrective or
14 access easement on the property; or

15 3. an exchange by the Department of Natural Resources
16 under § 1–109(e)(3) of the Natural Resources Article.

17 (2) The Board may not approve the sale, transfer, exchange, or grant of
18 property until:

19 (i) the Department of General Services or the Department of
20 Natural Resources under Title 1, Subtitle 1 of the Natural Resources Article has submitted
21 to the Board two independent appraisals of the property that:

22 1. with regard to real property, consider the value of any
23 restrictive covenant that may be placed on the property; and

24 2. may not be publicly disclosed if the property is to be sold
25 at auction;

26 (ii) the following information has been submitted, by electronic mail
27 or facsimile and by certified mail, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House
28 Appropriations Committee, and, for property that meets both criteria of paragraph (1)(i) of
29 this subsection, the Legislative Policy Committee:

30 1. a description of the property; and

31 2. if applicable, any justification for not selling, transferring,
32 exchanging, or granting the property in a manner that generates the highest return for the
33 State;

1 (iii) 45 days have elapsed since:

2 1. the information required by item (ii) of this paragraph was
3 received by the appropriate committees; and

4 2. the Board declared the property surplus; and

5 (iv) except for property sold under paragraph (4) of this subsection,
6 for property that meets both criteria under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection and for which
7 the Board intends to approve a fee simple sale, transfer, exchange, or grant, the General
8 Assembly has approved the proposed disposition as provided under paragraph (3) of this
9 subsection.

10 (3) (i) Within 45 days after receiving the information submitted under
11 paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Legislative Policy Committee shall:

12 1. review the information and the public record created by
13 the Department of Planning for the property; and

14 2. A. approve the proposed disposition of the surplus
15 property and refer the property back to the Board for final disposition; or

16 B. refer the proposed disposition of the property to the full
17 General Assembly and notify the Board of the referral.

18 (ii) If the Legislative Policy Committee fails to take any action under
19 subparagraph (i)2 of this paragraph within the specified time period, the proposed
20 disposition shall be deemed approved by the Committee.

21 (iii) 1. If the proposed disposition of the surplus property is
22 referred by the Legislative Policy Committee to the full General Assembly, the proposed
23 disposition may not be approved by the Board unless it is approved by the passage of
24 legislation during the next legislative session of the General Assembly.

25 2. In any legislation passed in accordance with
26 subsubparagraph 1 of this subparagraph, the General Assembly may approve the proposed
27 disposition with or without conditions.

28 (4) If the Board has declared the property surplus, the Board shall sell the
29 property to the federal government, a local government, or a unit of federal or local
30 government for \$1.00, if:

31 (i) the government or unit has indicated its interest in acquiring the
32 land; and

1 (ii) a restrictive covenant is placed on the deed of transfer, in
2 accordance with § 5-906(e)(7) and (8) of the Natural Resources Article, that requires the
3 property to be maintained in a use that is consistent with its use at the time of transfer.

4 (5) Any revenues derived from the sale, transfer, exchange, or grant of
5 property identified under paragraph (1)(i)1 of this subsection shall be deposited in the
6 Advance Option and Purchase Fund under § 5-904(b) of the Natural Resources Article.

7 (6) If the Board has declared the property surplus, the Board shall donate
8 or sell the property determined by the Department of Housing and Community
9 Development to be suitable for use or redevelopment as affordable housing in accordance
10 with a proposal developed under § 2-203 of the Housing and Community Development
11 Article.

12 (c) (1) This subsection does not apply to:

13 (i) property that will be acquired with Program Open Space funds
14 under Title 5, Subtitle 9 of the Natural Resources Article;

15 (ii) property that will be acquired with Rural Legacy Program funds
16 under Title 5, Subtitle 9A of the Natural Resources Article;

17 (iii) property that will be acquired with Local Land Preservation
18 Program funds under Title 5, Subtitle 9B of the Natural Resources Article;

19 (iv) property that will be acquired with Community Parks and
20 Playgrounds Program funds under Title 5, Subtitle 9C of the Natural Resources Article;

21 (v) property that will be acquired with funds from the Heritage
22 Conservation Fund under Title 5, Subtitle 15 of the Natural Resources Article;

23 (vi) property that will be acquired with funds from the Forest and
24 Park Reserve Fund established under § 5-212 of the Natural Resources Article;

25 (vii) property that will be acquired with federal grant funds made
26 available to the Department of Natural Resources for open space, recreation, or
27 conservation purposes;

28 (viii) property that will be acquired by the Maryland Environmental
29 Trust;

30 (ix) a Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation
31 easement acquired under § 2-504 of the Agriculture Article;

32 (x) federally owned military property;

1 (xi) property that will be acquired by the Maryland Aviation
 2 Administration; or

3 (xii) property that will be acquired by the Maryland Port
 4 Administration.

5 (2) The Board may not approve the acquisition of real property with an
 6 appraised value of at least \$500,000 OR A LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY THAT WILL BE
 7 USED BY THE STATE THAT REQUIRES THE STATE TO MAKE PAYMENTS TOTALING AT
 8 LEAST \$500,000 ANNUALLY unless the Board has provided to the Legislative Policy
 9 Committee:

10 (i) a justification for the planned acquisition OR LEASE THAT
 11 INCLUDES JUSTIFICATION FOR:

12 1. REAL ESTATE TERMS OF TIME OR COST IN EXCESS OF
 13 ORDINARY AND REGULAR STATE CONTRACT TERMS;

14 2. RENT ESCALATION RATES IN EXCESS OF MARKET
 15 RATES;

16 3. CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND COSTS FOR ANY OTHER
 17 PART OF THE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION, WITH CONSIDERATION FOR THE
 18 REASONABLENESS AND COST COMPETITIVENESS OF EACH ITEM;

19 4. REMOVAL OF ANY STANDARD REAL ESTATE
 20 PROVISIONS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE LEASE OR TRANSACTION;
 21 AND

22 5. WHY THE TRANSACTION IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF
 23 THE STATE; [and]

24 (II) A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF THE PLANNED ACQUISITION
 25 OR LEASE THAT INCLUDES COMPARING SIMILAR OR COMPARABLE PROPERTIES AND
 26 PURCHASE OPTIONS, INCLUDING A COMPARISON OF LEASE OPTIONS WITH
 27 PURCHASE OPTIONS, LEASE CONSOLIDATION OPTIONS, AND IF RELEVANT, AN
 28 ANALYSIS OF STATE AGENCY PARKING NEEDS AND COSTS;

29 (III) IF APPLICABLE, A FULL OR SIGNIFICANT RENOVATION COST
 30 ANALYSIS, DISTINCT FROM THE OVERALL ACQUISITION OR LEASE COST-BENEFIT
 31 ANALYSIS, INCLUDING:

32 1. A JUSTIFICATION FOR NONCOMPETITIVE
 33 PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES; AND

1 **2. A DEMONSTRATION THAT FULL FUNDING IS**
2 **AVAILABLE FOR ALL RENOVATIONS;**

3 **(IV) IF APPLICABLE, LANDLORD PAYMENT DOCUMENTATION,**
4 **INCLUDING:**

5 **1. TOTAL PAYMENTS MADE TO THE LANDLORD TO DATE;**

6 **2. PRIOR LEASE PAYMENTS;**

7 **3. TAX CREDITS OR OTHER STATE BENEFITS GRANTED**
8 **TO THE LANDLORD; AND**

9 **4. TAX CREDITS OR OTHER STATE BENEFITS FOR THE**
10 **LOCATION OR THE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AND**

11 **[(ii)] (V) on request of the cochairs of the Legislative Policy**
12 **Committee made within 14 days after receiving the justification under [item] ITEMS (i)**
13 **THROUGH (IV) of this paragraph:**

14 **1. [a cost-benefit analysis of the planned acquisition; and**

15 **2.] at least 45 days to review the information provided under**
16 **this paragraph and comment on the planned acquisition before the acquisition is approved;**
17 **AND**

18 **2. ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY**
19 **COMMITTEE MAY NEED TO COMPLETE THEIR REVIEW.**

20 **(3) If the acquisition of real property with an appraised value of at least**
21 **\$500,000 from the federal government would require the State to provide ongoing**
22 **maintenance of the property, the Board may not approve the acquisition until the Board**
23 **has provided to the Legislative Policy Committee:**

24 **(i) notice that the acquisition would require the State to provide**
25 **ongoing maintenance of the property; and**

26 **(ii) on request of the cochairs of the Legislative Policy Committee**
27 **within 14 days after receiving the notice provided under item (i) of this paragraph, a study**
28 **regarding the ongoing fiscal impact the acquisition would have on the State, including any**
29 **environmental mitigation that may be required.**

30 **(d) Except as otherwise provided in this section:**

1 (1) if any real or personal property disposed of under this section is not
2 under the jurisdiction or control of any particular unit of the State government, the deed,
3 lease, or other evidence of conveyance of the real or personal property shall be executed by
4 the Board; and

5 (2) if any real or personal property disposed of under this section is under
6 the jurisdiction or control of a unit of the State government, the deed, lease, or other
7 evidence of conveyance of the real or personal property shall be executed by the highest
8 official of the unit and by the Board.

9 (e) (1) Whenever any unit of the State government leases any State-owned
10 property under its jurisdiction and control to any State employee, agent, or servant, or to
11 any other individual in State service, for the purpose of permitting the individual to
12 maintain a residence on or in the property, the lease shall be:

13 (i) executed by the unit; and

14 (ii) approved by the Secretary of General Services.

15 (2) The lease is not valid unless the Secretary of General Services approves
16 it.

17 (3) Whenever any unit of the State government leases any State-owned
18 property under its jurisdiction and control to any lessee, the lease shall include a provision
19 which prohibits the lessee from assigning or subleasing that property without the prior
20 approval of the Board of Public Works.

21 (4) (i) Whenever the State Highway Administration leases any
22 State-owned property under its jurisdiction and control to any person, the Administrator
23 of the State Highway Administration may execute the lease if:

24 1. the lease is entered into on a 30-day renewable basis; and

25 2. the duration of the tenancy does not exceed 1 year.

26 (ii) At least twice each year, the Administrator of the State Highway
27 Administration shall submit a report of the leases executed under the authority granted in
28 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph to the Board of Public Works.

29 (5) (i) Whenever the Department of Natural Resources leases any
30 State-owned property under its jurisdiction and control to any lessee, the lease shall
31 include a provision that requires the lessee to:

32 1. maintain unobstructed access to trail heads by trail users
33 and first responders; and

