

The Governor's staff was augmented by appointment of a State-Federal Coordinator (1965).

South Dakota.—The legislature established a new Office of the Budget in the Governor's office (1963). The agency is headed by the State Budget Officer who is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years subject to earlier removal for cause.

A Commission on Higher Education Facilities was created by law as the vehicle for state participation in the federal Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963 (1964).

Centralized data processing for state agencies was provided for when the legislature assigned that function to a new division in the Office of the Budget (1966). The legislature also established a new State Planning Agency in the Governor's office to provide planning services for the state and local governments (1966). A State Commission on Mental Health and Retardation was set up by law (1966).

Tennessee.—The Division of Industrial Development was attached to the Office of the Governor and the director made a member of the Governor's staff by law (1963). Legislation also transferred to the office of the Governor the industrial research and promotion and nuclear energy development functions of the Department of Conservation (1963). The legislature established a new Office of Local Government under the Comptroller of the Treasury who appoints the director with approval of the Governor (1963).

The Governor appointed a special assistant to coordinate federal programs (1965).

Texas.—The legislature formed a new Parks and Wildlife Department involving a merger of the State Parks Board and the Game and Fish Commission (1963).

A Division of Federal-State Relations was added to the Office of the Governor by law (1965). The Division is located in Washington, D.C. and is headed by a director appointed by the Governor.

Utah.—The Utah legislature created a Department of Finance which is headed by a director appointed by the Governor (1963). This arrangement replaced the former Commission of Finance, a three-member group which reported to a board composed of the state's three highest elected officials. Under the law the director is the principal officer of state government for budgeting, personnel, purchasing and accounting.

Statutory action also created the new post of State Planning Coordinator in the Office of the Governor (1963). The Coordinator was made responsible for state planning and local planning assistance.

A plan for centralized data processing services was approved by the Governor (1965).

Taking advantage of momentum supplied by the state's "Little Hoover Commission," the Utah legislature consolidated a number of agencies, boards, and commissions into three departments: Health and Welfare, Development Services, and Natural Resources. The Governor appoints a coordinating council of seven members for each department, the coordinating councils in turn appoint the respective department directors (1967).

An executive order recognized the federal liaison role of the State Planning Coordinator who had been acting in this capacity since 1964 (1967). The Coordinator by another executive order was directed to establish standards for the collection and reporting of information concerning state activities.

Vermont.—The Governor sought to achieve coordination in the natural resources field through an executive order creating an inter-agency committee including representation from five different agencies (1963). This mechanism was subsequently given statutory status (1964). The Governor serves as chairman of the committee.

A legislative authorization of \$2,500 was made for use by a Governor-elect in Vermont (1963).

The legislature created the Vermont Educational Building Finance Agency to assist colleges and secondary schools in financing building construction (1966).

Virginia.—The position of Commissioner of Administration was created in the office of the Governor by statute (1966). The Commissioner was assigned supervision over the existing Divisions of Budget and Personnel and over new Divisions of Planning, and Engineering and Buildings. The Commissioner is appointed by the Governor. The Division of Planning was given responsibilities at the state, regional and local levels.