

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

COLUMBIA

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I herewith transmit to you Reorganization Plan No. 1, submitted to the Governor by the State Reorganization Commission pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 621 of the Acts of 1948, together with a copy of the letter of transmittal. The Plan is subject to the approval of the General Assembly by the passage of a concurrent resolution in the form prescribed in Section 4 of the Act.

Studies have shown that the State may save hundreds of thousands of dollars annually through the establishment of a central purchasing agency for all State departments and institutions. It is estimated that in excess of 20 per cent of the expenditures of the State Government goes to the purchase of supplies and equipment.

Our purchasing system under which each department or institution makes its own purchases is antiquated and inefficient. It does not take advantage of the bulk purchasing methods familiar to every businessman.

In any attempt to further economy and efficiency in government, the importance of the purchasing function cannot be overemphasized. It is only common sense to take steps to give the smaller State institutions the same buying power as the larger ones.

To modernize the public purchasing machinery, central purchasing, i. e., the delegation to one office of the authority to purchase supplies, materials and equipment needed for use by all branches of the government, has been widely accepted by State Governments, while the federal government adopted central purchasing in 1933.

Through central purchasing, these jurisdictions expect to save from 15 to 30 per cent on their purchases, at the same time improving the quality of the products used.

The proposed set-up will result in the orderly development of a central purchasing agency in our state government, and in the interest of economy and









(e) As and when a department, institution or agency shall have been brought within the operation of the Department of Central Purchase and Supply by resolution of the Advisory Board passed under the preceding paragraph, all of the functions of such department, institution or agency relating to the purchase or supply of personal property for its use and purposes, including supplies, equipment, machinery, fuels, motor vehicles and all other personal property, shall be and become transferred hereunder to the Department of Central Purchase and Supply, together with all unexpended amounts of appropriations made for such purposes.