

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §5B-2-2

## **§5B-2-2. Office of Secretary of Department of Economic Development.**

(a) The Secretary of the Department of Economic Development is the chief executive officer of the department. The Governor shall appoint the secretary, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for the term for which the Governor is elected, and the secretary shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor. Any reference in this code to the Executive Director of the West Virginia Development Office means the Secretary of the Department of Economic Development. As used in this article, "secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of Economic Development. Subject to the provisions of the contract provided in §5B-2-4 of this code, the secretary may hire, and fire economic development representatives employed pursuant to §5B-2-5 of this code.

(b) The secretary may promulgate rules to carry out the purposes and programs of the Department of Economic Development to include generally the programs available and the procedure and eligibility of applications relating to assistance under the programs. These rules are not subject to Chapter 29A of this code, but shall be filed with the Secretary of State. The secretary may adopt any of the rules previously promulgated by the West Virginia Development Office or the council for community and economic development.