

MINUTES OF BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD MEETING

JUNE 21 1977

State Auditor William T. Putnam on this date completed a poll of the following Budget and Control Board members on the item of business described below:

Governor James B. Edwards (through Executive Assistant
James Meredith)

Mr. Grady L. Patterson, Jr.

Mr. Earle E. Morris, Jr.

Senator Rembert C. Dennis

WAIVER OF \$500 SALARY DIFFERENTIAL RULE - The Appropriation Act for 1977-78 provides that, effective on July 1, 1977, the rate of compensation of each State employee shall be increased by five percent unless otherwise modified or prohibited by the Act but the salaries of Constitutional Officers were held at the prior year level. In addition, a Budget and Control Board rule requiring a \$500 differential between the salary of an Agency Head and any staff was reaffirmed for 1977-78. The result of these several actions is that one employee in the Department of Agriculture, two employees in the Department of Education, six employees in the Office of the Attorney General and one employee in the Adjutant General's Office, if the Board's rule requiring a \$500 differential is not waived, would not be eligible to receive the base pay increase explicitly provided for in the Appropriation Act.

The Board members polled agreed that the \$500 differential rule should be waived as it applies to agencies headed by a Constitutional Officer during 1977-78.

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