

**§ 146-2. Department of Administration given control of certain State lands; general powers.**

The power to manage, control, and dispose of the vacant and unappropriated lands, swamplands, lands acquired by the State by virtue of being sold for taxes, and submerged lands is hereby vested in the Department of Administration, subject to rules and regulations adopted by the Governor and approved by the Council of State, and subject to the provisions of this Subchapter. The Department of Administration shall have the following general powers and duties with respect to those lands:

- (1) To take such measures as it deems necessary to establish, protect, preserve, and enhance the interest of the State in those lands, and to call upon the Attorney General for legal assistance in performing this duty.
- (2) Subject to the approval of the Governor and Council of State, to adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to carry out its duties under the provisions of this Subchapter. (1959, c. 683, s. 1.)