* 12. Lease from time to time buildings, rooms or premises in the county of Albany, and elsewhere as required, for providing space for departments, commissions, boards and officers of the state government, upon such terms and conditions as he or she deems most advantageous to the state. Any such lease shall, however, be for a term not exceeding ten years, except that, the commissioner of general services may enter into leases for a term not exceeding fifteen years when, in the judgment of such commissioner, such longer term is in the best interests of the state. Any such lease may provide for optional renewals on the part of the state, for terms of ten years or less. Each such lease shall contain a clause stating that the contract of the state thereunder shall be deemed executory only to the extent of moneys available therefor and that no liability shall be incurred by the state beyond the money available for such purpose. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, except section sixteen hundred seventy-six of the public authorities law relating to use of dormitory authority facilities by the aged, the commissioner of general services shall have sole and exclusive authority to lease space for state departments, agencies, commissions, boards and officers within the county of Albany. Any buildings, rooms or premises, now or hereafter held by the commissioner of general services under lease, may be sublet, in part or in whole, provided that in the judgment of such commissioner, and the occupying department, commission, board, and officers of the state government, such buildings, rooms or premises are not for a time needed. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if bonds or notes are issued pursuant to section sixteen hundred eighty-n of the public authorities law for the purpose of acquiring a building or other facility previously financed by a lease or lease-purchase obligation as authorized herein, the state agency which is the tenant in occupancy shall be authorized to remit tax payments or payments in lieu of thereof to the appropriate taxing authority in a manner consistent with the process and term established under the original lease or lease-purchase for the subject property for a period coincident with the term of the lease as established at the commencement of the term thereof. The state may undertake a certiorari review of assessments that may be imposed from time to time.

* NB Effective until June 30, 2015