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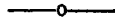
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The Hall of Records Commission was created by Chapter 18, Acts of 1935. It is an ex-officio body composed of the following seven members: The Governor of Maryland, the Comptroller of the Treasury, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the President of the Johns Hopkins University, the President of the St. John's College, the President of the Maryland Historical Society, and the President of the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute.

The Commission supervises and controls the Hall of Records, and it appoints the Archivist who is charged with the actual operations of the agency. Every state, county, city, town or other public official is authorized by Chapter 18, Acts of 1935 to deposit for preservation in the Hall of Records any original papers, official books, records, documents, files, newspapers, printed books or portraits not in current use. In addition all records made in Maryland prior to April 28, 1788, the date of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States by the State of Maryland, will be transferred to the Hall of Records as soon as practicable after June 1, 1945. (Acts of 1945, Chapter 248.)

In addition to the county records, the Hall of Records now has in its vaults the non-current records of purely State agencies. All of these records are available to the public without restriction except that they cannot be removed from the building and researchers must abide by such regulations as the Hall of Records Commission imposes for the protection of the records.



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The State Librarian is appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to hold office during the term of the Governor (Constitution, Art. 7, Sec. 3); the Custodian of Works of Reference is appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, for a term of two years or until the appointment of a successor. (Ch. 50, 1906); The Law Librarian is appointed by the Library Committee to hold office at the pleasure of said committee. (Ch. 413, 1939)

The Session Laws, House and Senate Journals, and the Maryland Reports are distributed by the Librarian as published, in accordance with Chapter 518 of the Laws of 1939. The remaining copies are stored in the State Library and distributed under the direction of the Library Committee.

The State Library, which was created by Chapter 53 of the Laws of 1826, is located on the second floor of the Court of Appeals Building. The Library has two distinct functions and objectives; the Law Library, which is considered the main function and which comprises about seventy-five per cent of the total number of books, is primarily