

FOREWORD

The purpose of the MARYLAND MANUAL is to present in concise form to the citizens of Maryland a description and accounting of their government. Since it is a publication of the State, the emphasis is on the agencies of the State Government; that part having to do with local governments is not intended to be more than a directory.

Sketches of individual governmental agencies contain, at the very least, evidence of the legal status of the agency, its functions, the name of its administrator and the members of any controlling body or commission, the number of persons employed, appropriations for fiscal years 1957 and 1958. A list of current publications of all agencies is given in a separate section.

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