

under the concurrent powers of states to regulate interstate commerce as an agency of the Federal government, or otherwise (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 78, sec. 59). The Public Service Commission is also represented on joint boards created by the Interstate Commerce Commission under the Federal Motor Carriers Act to hear and pass upon applications and proceedings pertaining to interstate motor carrier operation conducted in or through not more than three states.

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$945,610	\$1,038,714
Staff: 71.		

MARYLAND TAX COURT

Chief Judge:

Lawrence B. Fenneman, 1972

Judges:

Henry D. Blair, Jr., 1973

George R. Hughes, Jr., 1974

Seymour Korn, 1975

John Wood Logan, 1977

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By Chapter 757, Acts of 1959, the General Assembly abolished the State Tax Commission and divided its functions between two new agencies, the Maryland Tax Court and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. The Maryland Tax Court performs the judicial and semi-judicial duties of the former Commission. It consists of five Judges, appointed by the Governor for terms of six years. One is required to be a resident of the Eastern Shore; another, a resident of the Western Shore; and another, a resident of Baltimore City. The other two are to be residents of the State at large. Not more than three Judges may be of the same political party, and each is required to be a taxpayer and a qualified voter of Maryland. At least two must be members of the Bar of the State of Maryland, and the Governor is required to designate one of these as Chief Judge.

The Maryland Tax Court hears appeals from the decision, determination, or order of any agency or any assessing or taxing authority of the State that affects the valuation, assessment or classification of property; the levy of a tax; or the application for an abatement or reduction of any assessment or tax, or exemption therefrom (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 318; 1969 Repl. Vol., 1971 Supp., Art. 81, sec. 224; 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 81, secs. 225-229h; 1971 Supp., sec. 229; 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 81, sec. 229j-k; 1971 Supp., sec. 229-l; 1969 Repl. Vol., secs. 230-231, 256, 258, 259; 1971 Supp., sec. 143A; 1969 Repl. Vol., secs. 199, 309; from allowances, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 81, sec. 214C; 1971 Supp., sec. 217; or disallowances, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 81, 1971 Supp., secs. 214C, 217; 1969 Repl. Vol., sec. 310e, of claims for refunds of taxes, and from cancellations of Motor Vehicle Fuel Dealers licenses, 1968 Repl. Vol., 1970 Supp., Art. 56, sec. 142a). From and after July 1, 1971, appeals from the Maryland Tax Court go "directly to the Court of Appeals" (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 81, 1971 Supp., sec. 229(1)).

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$119,558	\$114,157
Staff: 9.		