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The State Historical Records Advisory Board was appointed in 1976 by the Governor to carry out the national historical records program of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The program is a cooperative effort of the Commission, the State Records Coordinators, the Advisory Boards, and institutions and organizations throughout the country concerned with the records of the nation.

Through its national historical records program, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission encourages a greater effort at all levels of government and by private organizations to preserve and make available for use those records, generated in every facet of life, that further an understanding and appreciation of American history. In the public sector, these historical records document significant activities of State, county, municipal, and other units of government. In the private sector, historical records include manuscripts, personal papers, and family or corporate archives that are maintained by a variety of general repositories as well as materials in special collections relating to particular fields of study, including the arts, business, education, ethnic and minority groups, immigration, labor, politics, the professions, religion, science, urban affairs, and women. In addition to supporting projects relating directly to a body of records, the Commission may also support projects to promote cooperative efforts among institutions and organizations and to improve the knowledge, performance, and professional skills of those who work with historical records.

Records program grants are not intended to replace support from other sources for historical records projects; rather, they are intended to supplement and expand such projects throughout the country.

Further information is available in a pamphlet entitled *Guidelines and Procedures: Applications and Grants* available from the Office of the Coordinator.

The State Historical Records Coordinator is the State Archivist. The Advisory Board contains at least seven members, including the Coordinator who serves as the Chairperson. Members of the Board represent the archival and research institutions and organizations in the State and serve for three-year terms.

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The Governor appointed this special Commission in 1971 at the request of the General Assembly to investigate and oversee the treatment, care, and condition of patients in hospitals for the mentally ill and mentally retarded. The Commission consists of three members appointed by the Governor representative of voluntary citizens groups, including one group concerned with the mentally ill, one group concerned with the mentally retarded, and the third group concerned with physically handicapped persons. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates each appoint two members. The Commission is to report on a regular basis to the Governor and the General Assembly as to its findings (Res. No. 47, Acts of 1971).

LANDLORD-TENANT LAWS STUDY COMMISSION

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The Governor originally appointed this special Commission in 1970 at the request of the General Assembly (Res. No. 46, Acts of 1970). The Commission is to study current state and local laws, ordinances, and regulations in the areas of landlord-tenant law and to formulate an all-encompassing revision and consolidation of Landlord-Tenant Law in Maryland. The Commission