

PREFACE

Maryland government has changed over the past two years, but particularly since 1990, a year that brought forth a new federal census, general elections that produced a new General Assembly, and "cost containment" in the budget of State government. Indeed, budgetary matters for Fiscal Year 1991 remain in flux as we go to press. Yet, the *Maryland Manual, 1991-1992*, incorporates these and many other changes.

In the midst of structural transformations within government agencies, we have made every effort to provide accurate and timely information. The text reflects mandates enacted in 1991 during the regular session of the General Assembly. First presented in the last *Manual* edition, budgetary information has been updated several times for the current volume. Fiscal Year 1991 budget figures for individual State agencies reflect data as of April 15, 1991, from the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning.

New to this edition are histories of many of the principal executive departments by Associate Editor, Ann J. Baker. These histories trace the origin and functions of agencies whose historical evolutions show that the concerns of modern government are not new.

A separate section on Intercounty Agencies has been added. In most cases, these agencies constitute a regional approach to governmental responsibilities. Previously, they had appeared in the Independent Agencies section. Information on municipalities is reintroduced to this volume with assistance from the Maryland Municipal League and new census data from the Office of Planning. Formerly part of the *Manual*, historical lists of principal officers of Maryland appeared in a separate publication after they were expanded and combined with lists of members of the General Assembly, who served from 1790 to 1990. The State Archives published these lists in 1990 as *An Historical List of Public Officials of Maryland—Governors, Legislators, and other Principal Officers of Government, 1632 to 1990*, the first volume in the new series of the *Archives of Maryland*.

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New maps appear in this edition thanks to the aid of several State government agencies: the Map of Maryland facing p. 1 is reproduced by courtesy of the Department of Geography, University of Maryland College Park; Map of Baltimore City Points of Interest, courtesy of the Mass Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Map of Government Buildings in Downtown Annapolis, courtesy of the Department of Legislative Reference; Map of Metro (metrorail transit system for national capital area), courtesy of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Individual county maps come from the State Highway Administration, Department of Transportation. In the Local Government section, the Baltimore City map is reproduced with permission of Rand McNally & Co.

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