

LAW OF MARVI,AND.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to accurately prepare and publish annually, on December thirty-first of each year, a Manual of the State of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That said Manual shall consist of not less than fifteen hundred copies in each year, five hundred of which shall be bound in cloth and shall contain a copy of the Charter and Constitution of the State, a complete list of members of the Legislature, with their postoffice addresses, the names and addresses of all State and county officers elected by the people, as well as those appointed by the Governor and the Board of Public Works; a brief summary of the duties of the several State officers; the official returns of the State election of each year; a list of State, educational, charitable, reformatory and benevolent institutions, with the amounts appropriated to each by the State; the amounts paid by counties to the public schools of the State on account of the public school tax; the gross and net debt of the State at the close of each fiscal year; the area, population, assessable basis and tax rates in the several counties of the State and the City of Baltimore; the construction of the judicial system of this State; the official payroll of the State, and such other information as his judgment may deem right and proper.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said Manual shall be distributed as follows: Twenty-five copies bound in cloth to the Maryland State Library, ten copies, two of which shall be bound in cloth, to each of the members of the Legislature; one copy to each of the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the State and the several courts in Baltimore City; one copy to each of the Boards of County Commissioners of this State, and the remaining number to the Executive Department, to be distributed by the Secretary of State to each of the several States of the Union, to the public libraries in this and other States, and to officials and citizens of this State.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act—compiling, printing and distributing said Manual—the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby annually appropriated; and the Comptroller of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer, who is hereby directed to pay the same, in favor of the Secretary of State upon the presentation of proper vouchers by him that the work above mentioned has been fully done, which vouchers shall be filed in the office of the State Comptroller.

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