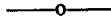


unanimously adopted a resolution expressing appreciation of his patriotic and faithful service, which has been of such benefit to the Governors of all the States and to the Nation—during one of the most important years in the history of the Governors' Conference."

In July 1945 Governor O'Connor was selected as the Chairman of the Committee of State and Local Relations of the Council of State Governments.

The Governor has received honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws from the University of Maryland, Loyola College of Baltimore, Villanova College of Pennsylvania, Georgetown University of Washington, D. C. and Washington College at Chestertown. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Maryland State and the Baltimore City Bar Associations; he is also a member of the Elks, Moose, Eagles, Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Phi Kappa Sigma, and holds membership in other clubs.



*Secretary of State:* WILLIAM J. MCWILLIAMS (Democrat), Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

William J. McWilliams, son of William F. and Mary C. McWilliams, was born in Hudson, New York, February 28, 1904. He received his early education in St. Mary's School, Annapolis, and Loyola High School, Baltimore. In 1926 he was graduated from Loyola College in Baltimore, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in 1930, from the Law School of the University of Maryland, where he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1931, and, for a short time was associated with the firm of France, McLanahan & Rouzer in Baltimore. He is now the senior partner in the firm of McWilliams, Duckett & Haley, Annapolis.

From 1924 to 1937, he was a member of the Maryland National Guard, rising from the rank of private to Captain. He served with the 104th Observation Squadron, the 1st Maryland Infantry, the 110th Field Artillery and on the staffs of General Washington Bowie and General Amos W. W. Woodcock.

In 1935 he was appointed Counselor for the City of Annapolis, and in July of the same year was elected to fill