STATE TREASURER

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Under the Constitution of 1776, there were two State Treasurers—the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore and the Treasurer for the Western Shore. With the adoption of the Constitution of 1851, these two offices were consolidated. The present Constitution provides that the Treasurer shall be elected by joint ballot of both Houses of the General Assembly for a term of four years. The Treasurer is responsible for depositing each day the money of the State in an authorized depository. The Treasurer or his deputy must sign all checks, countersigned by the Comptroller, or an authorized deputy, in payment of all bills on warrant from the Comptroller. The Treasurer's office issues all of the State's bonds or certificates of indebtedness which are signed by the Treasurer with the counter-signature of the Comptroller. The Treasurer is the custodian of the State's insurance and all stocks, bonds or other investments of the State. A monthly balance of all State funds held in authorized depositories is published in a newspaper of Baltimore, and a quarterly report is rendered to the Comptroller. The Treasurer is also the custodian of such special funds as may be prescribed by law (Const. 1867, Art. VI, secs. 1, 2, 4).

Appropriations: 1948 1949
General Funds \$172,515 \$172,018
Staff: 11.

STATE AUDITOR

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The office of the State Auditor was created in 1902. The State Auditor is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years. It is the duty of the State Auditor's office to examine annually the books of the following: all clerks of court, Registers of Wills, and collectors of state taxes of Maryland, including the City of Baltimore, and the several Boards of County Commissioners and the County Treasurers and collectors insofar as they affect the collection of state taxes or the assessable bases upon which state taxes are levied. The agency also audits and examines annually the books and accounts of the Governor's office, the Comptroller of the Treasury, the Attorney General, and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals; and such other offices, departments, agencies, boards, commissions, or State institutions as the Comptroller may direct. On or before December first of each year, and at such other times as may seem desirable, the State Auditor submits to the Comptroller full and detailed written reports of the results of his examinations of the books and accounts of the various offices and institutions examined, with suggestions as to changes in the method of keeping the books and accounts, the adoption of uniform