

of Pathology at the Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland. The Department, which was established in 1939, replaced the coroners of Baltimore City by a Chief and two Assistant Medical Examiners and the county coroners by Deputy Medical Examiners. All personnel are appointed by the Commission. It is the duty of the Department, or the Deputy Medical Examiners assigned to it, to investigate violent and suspicious deaths or those unattended by a physician. A report of all deaths investigated must be filed with the office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The records of the Department are open for inspection to the family of the deceased and are acceptable in Court as evidence of the facts contained. The Deputy Medical Examiners are paid by the county for each death investigated. The salaries of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Assistant Medical Examiners and the Toxicologist are paid by the State Comptroller. All other expenses of the Department are paid by the City of Baltimore (Code 1951, Art. 22).

Appropriations	1953	1954
Special Fund	\$45,000	\$45,000
Staff: 27. Deputy Medical Examiners, Substitutes, and Pathologists: 95.		

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STATE ROADS COMMISSION

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The State Roads Commission was established in 1908, succeeding to the highway survey functions of the Maryland Geological and Economic Survey. The Commission consists of three members, appointed by, and holding office at the pleasure of, the Governor. One of the members must be a resident of the Eastern Shore, one a resident of the Western Shore, and one a resident of Baltimore City or a person who at the time of his appointment and for a period of at least two years prior thereto has continuously had his principal place of business or employment or professional activity in Baltimore City. At least one member must be affiliated with one of the two leading political parties different from that to which the Governor belongs (Code 1951, Art. 89B, sec. 1).

The State Roads Commission has jurisdiction over the construction, maintenance and administration of the State highway system; and in addition, maintains, constructs, or reconstructs the road systems of ten of the twenty-three counties of the State. It is responsible for the making of preliminary surveys and plans for the construction of any proposed highway, making final reviews of those plans and making necessary recommendations for the specifications and special provisions which may become a part of the contract. Through the Maintenance Division, the Commission provides the necessary resurfacing, drainage, traffic service, and snow removal of the highways included in the State's system. A Traffic Division is also maintained