Improvements upon specifications related to proper architectural treatment of proposed buildings. The Board also reviews all architectural designs and drawings and recommends such changes as may be necessary in order that the proposed buildings may be functional and practical for the use intended (Code 1951, Art. 78A, sec. 17).

 Appropriations
 1953
 1954

 General Fund
 \$245,798
 \$231,695

Staff: 46.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

C. G. Halpine, Superintendent E. Lee Kries, Chief Engineer

State House, Annapolis

The office of Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds was created in 1862. The Superintendent is responsible for the maintenance, custody and protection of the State House, Government House, Old Treasury Building, Court of Appeals Building, State Office Building, and the Hall of Records. He is also responsible for the

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Old Treasury Building, Court of Appeals Building, State Office Building, and the Hall of Records. He is also responsible for the maintenance and operation of the State heating plant which provides heat for the other State buildings. The Superintendent maintains an inventory of all movable property located in each of the buildings, and transmits a copy to the Secretary of State (Code 1951, Art. 41, secs. 110-115).

Appropriations 1953 1954
General Fund \$237,262 \$213,311
Staff: 64.

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MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY

Library Committee

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The State Librarian is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate to serve for the term of the Governor (Const. 1867, Art. VII, sec. 3). The Library Committee, which is composed of at least three members appointed by the Judges of the Court of Appeals, exercises general supervision over the library, purchases books, and appoints the Law Librarian and other employees The Maryland State Library was established in 1827 by an Act of the General Assembly (Ch. 53, Acts 1826, Dec. Sess.). The Library is divided into two sections, the Law Library and the General Reference Library. The Law Library has on its shelves a large collection of law books including the acts and court decisions of the Federal government, the various states and territories, and the District of Columbia.