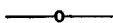


Public Service Commission whose counsel is appointed by the Governor. The Attorney General or his assistants represent the State in all litigation, including criminal appeals, before the Court of Appeals. The Law Department acts as counsel to all Baltimore City officials appointed by the Governor, and to the Clerks of Courts, the Registers of Wills, the Sheriffs, and State's Attorneys, and the Trial Magistrates of the several counties and the City of Baltimore, as well as certain other county officials. The Department, however, does not represent the Boards of County Commissioners, the Boards of Education, the Boards of Supervisors of Elections or such other boards or officials of the counties who have the power to employ and appoint their own counsel. The Attorney General may render an opinion on any legal subject or matter upon the request of the Governor, the General Assembly, or either House thereof, or of any department or agency of the State (Code 1951, Art. 32A; Code 1955 supp., Art. 32A, sec. 6).

The administrative rules and regulations promulgated by any State officer or agency must be submitted to the Attorney General for review as to their legality before they may become effective (Code 1951, Art. 41, sec. 9). The Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Subversive Activities Act (Code 1951, Art. 85A, secs. 1-19).

Appropriations	1955	1956
General Fund	\$109,163	\$111,317
Staff: 21.		



DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

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The Department of Legislative Reference was originally created in 1906 to serve the City of Baltimore; in 1916 the scope of the Department was enlarged to serve the State as well. The Department collects, compiles and indexes information on all questions of proposed legislation. The Department investigates and reports on the laws of Maryland and other States at the request of the Governor, any committee or member of the General Assembly, or any State agency. At the request of a member of the General Assembly, the Department prepares or aids in the drafting of any law or resolution. During sessions of the General Assembly, the Department maintains offices in the State House at Annapolis. Each department of the State Government is required to transmit to the Department of Legislative Reference at least two copies of each of its reports which are used for exchange and reference purposes by the agency. To aid in their research, the Department maintains a complete index and a complete file on all bills introduced in the General Assembly from 1908 to the present, the Codes and Laws of other States, and a library comprising 19,000 books and 56,000 pamphlets and reports, in addition to a number of periodicals and clippings from magazines and newspapers. The Department also has supervision of the Archives of Baltimore (Code 1951, Art. 41, secs. 117-121).

Appropriations	1955	1956
General Fund	\$24,332	\$17,620
Staff: 3.		