

and other public utilities and contract carriers; and participates in any proceeding in Court wherein any assessment or taxation question is involved (Code 1957, Art. 81, sec. 232).

For each of the counties the Director appoints a Supervisor of Assessments from a list of five nominees submitted by the County Commissioners. The Supervisors serve during good behavior and are removable by the Director for incompetency or other cause. The cost of their salaries, which are fixed by law, is shared 60% by the State and 40% by the counties. The Director also appoints a Supervisor for Baltimore City, with important duties of investigation. The Supervisor of Assessments is the chief assessor and acts as such over local assessors.

The County Commissioners appoint the local assessors for an indefinite period from a list of applicants examined and graded by the Director. The assessors' salaries are fixed and paid in a manner similar to those of the Supervisors. They review for reassessment the property in each county of Maryland each year (Code 1957, Art. 81, secs. 234-37).

The Director has charge of the qualifications and registration of foreign corporations doing business in Maryland. In addition to collecting an annual filing fee and accounting monthly for all such collections to the Treasurer, the Director assesses the tangible personal property of foreign corporations and distributes the proceeds to the localities in which the property is located. He also approves and records charters and amendments to charters of domestic corporations.

Appropriations	1959 <sup>1</sup>	1960
General Funds .....	\$818,264	\$849,403
Staff: 61.		

## DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT

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The Department of Budget and Procurement, established in 1939, combines the budgeting and purchasing functions of the State into a single agency. The Director of the Department, who is appointed by the Governor, has executive jurisdiction over the Department, and in addition reviews all leases for rental of office space before their submission to the Board of Public Works for approval (Code 1957, Art. 15A, sec. 16.).

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The Director appoints the Chief of the Budget Bureau. This bureau carries out the budget functions of the agency. It aids the Director in preparing a tentative budget for the Governor's consideration and reviews all budget amendments presented by the various State agencies. The Bureau may investigate the necessity for all expenditures (Code 1957, Art. 15A, secs. 17-27).

<sup>1</sup>For State Tax Commission.