

The Governor is authorized to appoint at his pleasure a military staff which may consist of the Adjutant General and not more than twelve aides selected from the Commissioned Officers of the National Guard and Naval Militia (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., Art. 65, sec. 9).

### SECRETARY OF STATE

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The office of Secretary of State was created in 1837 by a Constitutional Amendment. The Secretary of State is appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate and serves at his pleasure (Const. 1867, Art. II, sec. 22). The Secretary acts as general secretary to the Governor and attests his signature on all public documents, commissions, warrants, proclamations, and such other public papers as may be required. He is custodian of the Great Seal of the State (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 45). The Secretary of State certifies the results of all referenda and constitutional amendments submitted to the electorate. He keeps and publishes the results of elections held in the State and keeps the records of the State Board of Canvassers, of which he is a member (Code 1957, 1967 Repl. Vol., Art. 33, secs. 142-43, 172). His office keeps a record of all commissions issued and all appointments made by the Governor (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 86-88); a record of trademarks, trade names, and service marks used within the State (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 90-103); and a registry of all legislative agents and counsels, the legislative subjects in which they are interested, and the amounts they receive and expend for such activity (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 40, secs. 5-14). The Secretary of State is also the legally designated attorney of nonresident drivers, aviators, and aircraft owners involved in accidents in Maryland. All processes or warrants served upon him in this connection have the same legal effect as though they were served upon the individual (Code 1957, 1967 Repl. Vol., Art. 66½, sec. 115; 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 75, secs. 76-78). All administrative regulations adopted by any State officer or department must be filed with the Secretary of State, who is responsible for publishing such regulations and supplements thereto (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 9). The Secretary of State also prepares the election laws in collaboration with the Department of Legislative Reference and distributes them. Certificates of candidacy for all State-wide offices are received and filed by the Secretary of State as well as all referendum petitions. The office prepares and records all requisitions and extraditions as well as pardons and commutations granted by the Governor. He must also keep a record of all Trading Stamp Companies doing business in Maryland as well as a statement of registration accompanied by representative samples of its stamps, stamp collection books, stamp redemption catalogues and stamp distribution and redemption agreement forms currently used in the State. The office also keeps a record of all charitable organizations and contributions received by them. By Chapter 225, Acts of 1963, the Secretary of State must keep a record of true and itemized statements or reports in writing setting forth in detail all contributions and expenditures incurred by every treasurer, political agent, or candidate for nomination or election to a State-wide public office (Code 1957, 1967 Repl. Vol., Art. 33, sec. 223).