

1867, Art. II, sec. 22). The Secretary is a member of the Governor's Executive Council. He attests to the Governor's signature on all public documents, commissions, proclamations, and such other public papers as may be required. All Executive Orders executed by the Governor are kept in the office of the Secretary of State for public record. His office keeps a record of all commissions issued and all appointments made by the Governor (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 86-88). The commissions prepared by his office are of various types and including Special Police commissions which are granted by the Governor to private businesses for the protection of their property (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 66); Notary Public commissions which are granted upon the recommendation of the local State Senator and upon appointment by the Governor (1970 Repl. Vol., Art. 68, sec. 1); and Forest Warden commissions which are granted by the Governor upon recommendations to him by the Department of Natural Resources (Code 1957, 1970 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, sec. 347). His office also keeps a record of trademarks, trade names, and service marks used within the State (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 90-103); a registry of all legislative agents and counsels, the legislative subjects in which they are interested, the amounts they receive and expend for such activity (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 40, secs. 5-14), and a record of all defaulting corporations which can only be reinstated by proclamation of the Governor upon the request of the Department of Assessments and Taxation. The Secretary of State is also the legally designated attorney of nonresident drivers, aviators, and aircraft owners, and service of process may be made upon him when such individuals are involved in accidents in Maryland. All processes or warrants served upon the Secretary in his representative capacity have the same legal effect as though they were served upon the nonresident party (Code 1957, 1970 Repl. Vol., Art. 66½, secs. 9-301; Art. 75, secs. 76-78). All administrative regulations adopted by any State officer or department must be filed with the Secretary of State in the format designated by him, and these regulations must be kept on record for public inspection (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 9, and 247). His office prepares and records all requisitions and extraditions as well as pardons and commutations granted by the Governor. Registration of all trading stamp companies is handled by the office of the Secretary of State which requires the company to provide a statement of registration accompanied by representative samples of stamps, stamp collection books, stamp redemption catalogues and stamp distribution and redemption agreement forms currently used in the State (1968 Repl. Vol., Art. 56, sec. 242). The office keeps a record of all charitable organizations and contributions received by them (1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 103A-103E), and handles requests for the Maryland State Flag. In this regard, upon request, the Secretary of State will provide a Maryland flag to servicemen in Viet Nam. The Secretary of State also receives all bills passed by the legislature and assigns chapter numbers to each after each has been signed by the Governor. His office handles petitions for, and processing of, charter and constitutional amendments, and provides for the publication of these in the appropriate newspapers. The Secretary is vested with full discretionary power to place upon the ballot for the Maryland Presidential Primary, the name of any person whose candidacy he feels is generally advocated or recognized in the national news media (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 33, secs. 12-2). The Secretary also keeps on public record all opinions and findings of the Joint Committee on Ethics of the General Assembly (Res. No. 53, Acts of 1971). It is the duty of the Secretary to issue every two years a Manual of the State of Maryland to be compiled, edited and