

LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES

STATE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

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The State Department of Legislative Reference was originally created by Chapter 565, Acts of 1906 to serve the City of Baltimore. The scope of the Department was enlarged so that it would also serve the State by Chapter 474, Acts of 1916. By Chapter 453, Acts of 1965, the State's portion of the Department was transferred to the Legislative Branch. The present Department dates its current organization from Chapter 571, Acts of 1966, which separated this Department of the State government from the Department of the same name in Baltimore City.

The Department collects, compiles, and indexes information on all questions of proposed legislation. It 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. Each department of the State government must transmit to the Department of Legislative Reference at least two copies of each of its reports, which are used for exchange and reference purposes. The Department keeps a complete index and a complete file on all bills introduced in the General Assembly from 1918 to the present. It also keeps copies of the codes and laws of other states, and it maintains a library of books, pamphlets, reports, periodicals, and clippings on matters of current public and political interest (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 40, secs. 48-53). The Department operates through five divisions entitled Administrative, Code Revision, Computer, Legislative and Library.

By Chapter 182, Acts of 1972, the Division of Statutory Revision was created with-

in the Department of Legislative Reference. The Division is headed and administered by a Revisor of Statutes, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1975 Supp., Art. 40, secs. 53A-53D).

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COMMISSION TO REVISE THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND

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The Governor appointed this special Commission in 1970 to undertake the first reorganization and recodification of the Annotated Code of Maryland in more than eighty years. The Commission is to study and undertake a formal bulk revision of the Public General Laws of Maryland, in order to improve the organization, accessibility, utility and clarity of laws, and to eliminate unconstitutional, obsolete and inconsistent or conflicting statutes. The Commission will submit proposals and recommendations to