

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, J. Francis Fatkin, *Secretary*, Route 1, Box 702, Frostburg 21532. The funds appropriated represent the State's contribution to pensions that may be paid to volunteer firemen or to their families in certain instances and to provide educational benefits to the children of deceased or disabled volunteer firemen (Code 1957, Art. 38A). Appropriations: 1977 — \$57,500; 1978 — \$55,000; 1979 — \$55,000.

COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS, P. O. Box 11910, Iron Works Pike, Lexington, Kentucky 40511; Brevard Carihfield, *Executive Direc-*

*tor*. The appropriation represents Maryland's proportionate share of the Council's operating expense. The Council is an umbrella group of various organizations such as the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Association of Attorneys General, and the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors, among others. The Council, founded in 1933, is a service organization that publishes a variety of books, pamphlets, and newsletters, conducts research ranging from spot inquiries to in-depth analysis of issues, and arranges meetings and seminars for the regional branches of its affiliate organizations. Appropriations: 1977 — \$31,310; 1978 — \$31,310; 1979 — \$41,100.

## SECRETARY OF STATE

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The office of Secretary of State was created by a Constitutional Amendment in 1837 to replace the Governor's Council. Appointed by the Governor to a term to run concurrently with him, the Secretary attests to the Governor's signature on all public papers and documents as may be required. He is also responsible for overseeing all Executive Orders and for keeping records of all commissions issued and appointments made by the Governor (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 86-88). He is responsible for annually publishing a list for the General Assembly of all appointments made.

The Secretary of State's office keeps a record of trademarks, trade names, and service marks utilized within the State (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 90-103). It also maintains a registry of legislative counsels and agents, the legislation in which they are interested, and the amounts received and spent for such activity (Code 1957, Art. 40, secs. 5-14). Furthermore, records of all defaulting corporations that can only be reinstated by proclamation of the Governor upon the request of the Department of Assessments and Taxation are filed with the office, as are Interstate Compacts.

The Office of the Secretary of State not only prepares and records all requisitions, extraditions, pardons, and commutations granted by the Governor, but keeps on file all administrative regulations adopted by any State officer or department (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 9 and 247).

Of increasing importance, the office keeps a record of all charitable organizations and contributions received by them (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 103A-103G). The financial disclosures of public officials are maintained in the Secretary's office and are open to public inspection, as are the files of campaign contributions made to public officials in excess of \$100, if the individual who made the contribution does business with the State in excess of \$10,000. The Secretary of State is also empowered to place upon the ballot for the Maryland presidential preference primary the name of any person whose candidacy he feels is generally advocated or recognized in the national news media (Code 1957, Art. 33, secs. 12-2).

The Office of the Secretary of State also issues for the Governor all notary public commissions as well as commissions issued to Special Police Officers.

The Secretary issues every two years a Manual of the State of Maryland, which is compiled and printed by the Hall of Records Commission (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 104-106).