

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, Art. 40, secs. 48-53). The Department operates through the Office of the Director and five divisions, entitled Code Revision, Computer, Legislative, Library, and Science and Technology.

By Chapter 182, Acts of 1972, the Division of Statutory Revision was created within 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, Art. 40, secs. 53A-53D).

### COMMISSION TO REVISE THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND

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proposals and recommendations to the General Assembly from time to time. As of 1978, the General Assembly had enacted the following revised articles proposed by the Commission: Agriculture, Commercial Law, Corporations and Associations, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, Education, Estates and Trusts, Natural Resources, Real Property, and Transportation.

Staff services and support for the Commission are provided by the Division of Statutory Revision within the State Department of Legislative Reference (Code 1957, Art. 40, secs. 53A-53D).

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The Department's duties also include the study and review of the State's operating and capital budgets during all phases of their development by the Executive and adoption by the Legislature, including an annual analysis submitted to the General Assembly; the preparation of fiscal notes on all proposed legislation and an annual report on the fiscal impact of each legislative session; an annual analysis of the State's bonded indebtedness; the study of the operation, administration,