

COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS, P. O. Box 11910, Iron Works Pike, Lexington, Kentucky 40511; Brevard Cribfield, *Executive Director*. 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: 1980—\$44,900; 1981—\$44,900.

## 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 (Art. II). He is also responsible for the distribution and maintenance of 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 registers trademarks and service marks utilized within the State (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 90-103). It also receives referendum petitions and publishes public notices of referenda questions and proposed constitutional amendments to be voted upon at general elections (Code 1957, Art. 33, sec. 23-9). 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 prepares and records all requisitions, extraditions, pardons, and commutations granted by the Governor, and through its Division of State Documents (COMAR and the *Maryland Register*) is the depository and publisher of all administrative regulations adopted by any State officer or department (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 9 and 247).

The office registers and regulates charitable organizations that solicit funds in the State (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 103A-103G). Disclosures by businesses having contracts with State or local governments aggregating \$100,000 or more are maintained in the Secretary's office and are open to public inspection, as are the files of campaign contributions made to candidates in excess of \$100 if the party making the contribution does business with the State in excess of \$10,000. The Secretary of State is also empowered to place upon the Maryland presidential primary ballot the name of any person whose candidacy he believes is generally advocated or recognized in State or national news media (Code 1957, Art. 33, secs. 12-2).

The Office of the Secretary of State also issues all notary public commissions as well as commissions issued to Special Police Officers (Code 1957, Art. 68).

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