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The Department of Fiscal Services was established by Chapter 456, Acts of 1968, succeeding the Fiscal Research Bureau created by Chapter 605, Acts of 1947. It is the financial service arm of the General Assembly and operates under the policies and directives of the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Delegates, the Legislative Policy Committee, and the Joint Budget and Audit Committee. The Department provides staff services to the fiscal committees of the Legislature and to any commissions or committees that the General Assembly or the Legislative Policy Committee may appoint to study taxation or related questions.

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, and effectiveness of State agencies and institutions; the study of State and local financial matters and fiscal interrelationships; the collection of financial data on the State's local governments and the publication of an annual report on local governmental finances; and the preparation of evaluation reports required under the Regulatory Programs Evaluation Act of 1978.

The Office of Legislative Auditor, originally created as the office of the State Auditor by Chapter 257, Acts of 1902, and Chapter 226, Acts of 1929, is responsible by law for conducting post audits of a compliance or performance nature of all departments, agencies, and institutions of State government, including the offices of clerks of court and registers of wills. Upon direction by the General Assembly or the Joint Budget and Audit Committee, the Legislative Auditor may undertake a management audit of a State agency or program or an audit of a private orga-

nization that receives State funds. The Office also reviews the audit reports of all local governments and community colleges (Code 1957, Art. 40, secs. 57-61E, 63-70A).

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

Chairperson: Vacancy

Appointed by the Governor: Samuel E. W. Friel, Jr., 1982; C. Granville Hillen, 1982; Hugh D. Shires, 1982; George S. Wills, 1982.

Appointed by the President of the Senate: Phyllis B. Brotman, 1982; Dr. Vernon Gray, 1982.

Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Edward J. Courtney, 1982; N. Page Worthington, 1982.

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The General Assembly Compensation Commission was created in 1970 following ratification of a Constitutional Amendment by the voters at the general election of November 3, 1970 (Chapter 576, Acts of 1970). The Commission consists of nine members, five appointed by the Governor, two appointed by the president of the Senate, and two appointed by the speaker of the House of Delegates. Members serve four-year terms. Officers and employees of State or local governmental units are not eligible for appointment to the Commission. The Commission determines the compensation and allowances due members of the General Assembly. The legislature may reduce but not increase the amounts proposed (Const. 1867, Art. III, sec. 15).

**COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
PROMOTION OF UNIFORMITY
OF LEGISLATION IN THE
UNITED STATES**

Chairperson: M. Michael Cramer, 1983

K. King Burnett, 1983; M. King Hill, Jr., 1983

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The General Assembly, by Chapter 264, Acts of 1896, established the Commission for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation. Every four years the Governor appoints three Commissioners