

Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). The Commission received its present name in 1991 (House Bill 776, Acts of 1991).

The Commission preserves, develops, and maintains Historic St. Mary's City.

The goal of the Commission is to preserve, study, and interpret the site of Maryland's first capital in the context of the Chesapeake Bay region from prehistory to the present, with a primary emphasis on the early colonial period. The Commission is empowered to acquire historical and cultural

properties necessary for the proper use and administration of Historic St. Mary's City. The Commission may accept private gifts, as well as federal, State, and local government grants.

The Commission has thirteen members. Twelve are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland serves ex officio. The Commission appoints the Executive Director (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 5-201 through 5-212).

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## DEFUNCT DEPARTMENTAL AGENCIES

### **DIVISION OF HOUSING INSURANCE**

In 1990, renamed as the Division of Housing Credit Assurance (Chapter 321, Acts of 1990).

### **STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION BOARD**

Abolished in 1989 (Chapter 391, Acts of 1989).

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Abolished in 1988 by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

### **MARYLAND ENERGY OFFICE**

In July 1991, established as an independent agency and renamed the Maryland Energy Administration (Senate Bill 206, Acts of 1991).