

ARTICLE XL.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

15-16. Executive officer of department of legislative reference; additional duties; compensation; expenses.

Department of Legislative Reference.

1916, ch. 474, sec. 1.

15. In addition to the duties to be performed by the Department of Legislative Reference, as created by Chapter No. 565 of the Acts of 1906 of the General Assembly of Maryland, it shall be the duty of the executive officer of the Department of Legislative Reference to investigate and report upon the laws of this and other States relating to any subject upon which he may be requested so to report by the Governor of Maryland, any committee or member of the General Assembly, or the head of any State Department; to accumulate all data obtainable in relation to the practical operation and effect of such laws; to investigate and collect all available information relating to any matter which is the subject of proposed legislation by the General Assembly; to examine the acts and records of any State and report the result thereof to the Governor, any committee of the General Assembly, or the head of any State Department requesting the same; to prepare or aid in the preparation of any bill or resolution when requested so to do by any member of the General Assembly; to preserve and collate all information obtained, carefully indexed and arranged so as to be at all times easily accessible to State officials and open to the inspection of the general public; and to have an office at Annapolis during the sessions of the General Assembly, in order to facilitate the work of the Department for members of the General Assembly.

1916, ch. 474, sec. 2.

16. For the services to be rendered under the provisions of the preceding section, the executive officer of the Department of Legislative Reference shall receive \$1,000 per annum; and there is hereby appropriated annually the sum of \$2,500 to provide for the payment of the services of the said executive officer and of such assistance and expenses as may be necessary in performing the duties imposed by the preceding section, the same to be payable on the order of said executive officer.