

An. Code, 1924, sec. 41. 1912, art. 85, sec. 5. 1904, art. 85, sec. 5. 1888, art. 85, sec. 5. 1874, ch. 1.

70. The governor is authorized and empowered, in case of the sickness or absence of the secretary of state, to appoint, temporarily, an assistant to the secretary of state, who shall be empowered to discharge all the duties imposed by law upon said secretary during his illness or absence from the seat of government; and the governor is authorized to pay, out of the executive contingent fund, for such services, a salary not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars per month.

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An. Code, 1924, sec. 42. 1912, art. 85, sec. 6. 1904, art. 85, sec. 6. 1900, ch. 240, sec. 1. 1933, ch. 314.

71. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to accurately prepare and publish biennially, on December thirty-first a manual of the State of Maryland.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 43. 1912, art. 85, sec. 7. 1904, art. 85, sec. 7. 1900, ch. 240, sec. 2.

72. Said manual shall consist of not less than fifteen hundred copies in each year, five hundred of which shall be bound in cloth and shall contain a copy of the charter and constitution of the State, a complete list of members of the legislature, with their postoffice addresses, the names and addresses of all State and county officers elected by the people, as well as those appointed by the governor and the board of public works; a brief summary of the duties of the several State officers; the official returns of the State election of each year; a list of State, educational, charitable, reformatory and benevolent institutions, with the amounts appropriated to each by the State; the amounts paid by counties to the public schools of the State on account of the public school tax; the gross and net debt of the State at the close of each fiscal year; the area, population, assessable basis and tax rates in the several counties of the State and the city of Baltimore; the construction of the judicial system of the State; the official payroll of the State, and such other information as his judgment may deem right and proper.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 44. 1912, art. 85, sec. 8. 1904, art. 85, sec. 8. 1900, ch. 240, sec. 3.

73. The said manual shall be distributed as follows: Twenty-five copies bound in cloth to the Maryland state library; ten copies, two of which shall be bound in cloth, to each of the members of the legislature; one copy to each of the clerks of the circuit courts of the State and the several courts in Baltimore City; one copy to each of the boards of county commissioners of this State, and the remaining number to the executive department, to be distributed by the secretary of state to each of the several States of the union, to the public libraries in this and other States, and to officials and citizens of this State.

Department of Parole and Probation.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 46. 1922, ch. 29 (pp. 44-45). 1939, ch. 406, sec. 46.

74. (Definitions.) In the construction of this sub-title, the following definition shall conclusively determine the meaning of the terms used;

(a) A pardon is an act of clemency, evidenced by a written Executive order signed by the Governor under the Great Seal, absolving the grantee