

3. The records which you destroy are within the program thus established and approved.

If the above procedure is followed, the destruction of records thus effected is authorized by Section 180 of Article 41, Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Ed.), which takes precedence over Section 3 of Article 101, which relates, in general terms, to the preservation of Commission records.

Very truly yours,

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ACTS OF ASSEMBLY

At the 1960 (short) Session of the General Assembly, there were several acts passed which are of interest to the Hall of Records. One of these was sponsored jointly by the Hall of Records Commission, the Department of Legislative Reference and the Maryland State Library. It provides that these three agencies be depositories for all local codes, county and municipal. These codes are published by the local governments concerned at their expense and until now it was only by courtesy that copies came into the hands of the three State agencies mentioned above, all of which need these works, especially since there has been no statewide Code of Public Local Laws published since 1939. The Act follows:

CHAPTER 96 (Senate Bill 58)

AN ACT to add a new Section 8B to Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1959 Supplement), title "Corporations—Municipal" to follow immediately after Section 8A thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Municipal Codes"; and to add a new Section 32A to Article 25 of said Code (1957 Edition), title "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 32 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "County Codes", requiring the Board of County Commissioners or County Council of any county, and the Mayor and City Council, by whatever name known, of every municipal corporation to make certain deposits of codes or compila-