Whereas, These various Boards, Commissions and Departments are now occupying divers buildings in the said City of Baltimore, the rental price of their respective offices adding greatly to the over-head expenses of said Boards, Commissions and Departments, and thereby being burdensome to the tax-payers of the State; and

Whereas, It would greatly lessen the cost of maintenance of these several Boards, Commissions and Departments, as well as serve a great convenience to the public, if the State of Maryland would lease or erect a building in the said City of Baltimore, which would provide adequate office room for the various departments of the State Government whose duties warrant that their offices be maintained in the said city; therefore

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland. That the Governor of this State be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint a commission to be known as the "State Office Building Commission." to consist of five members, of which, he, the Governor, shall be a member, whose duties it shall be to make a thorough investigation as to the feasibility of leasing or erecting in the City of Baltimore a building to be known as the "State Office Building," which will provide adequate office room for the various departments of the State Government whose duties require the maintenance of their respective offices in the City of Baltimore; and to report to the next session of the Maryland Legislature the result of its investigation, including an estimate of the approximate cost of erecting such a building and such recommendations as it may see fit to make, to the end that such legislation may be enacted as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect the 1st day of June, 1920.

Approved April 9, 1920.

CHAPTER 150.

AN ACT to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Baltimore County to make a special levy of not more than twenty cents on each one hundred dollars of assessable real estate in the village of Reisterstown, to be used for the laying of sidewalks, curbs, gutters and sewers in