

to be known as Sections 87A to 87E, and to follow immediately after Section 87 of said Article, creating a Commission to be known as the Hall of Records Commission, prescribing its powers and duties, and providing generally for the collection, custody and preservation of official records, documents and publications of the State and of the several political sub-divisions of the State, and of other historical material or data, and authorizing the officers who are custodians of such records to deposit same with the Commission for preservation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That five new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Department," to be under sub-title "Hall of Records Commission," said new sections to be known as Sections 87A to 87E, to follow immediately after Section 87 of said Article, and to read as follows:

87A. There is hereby created a Commission to be known as the Hall of Records Commission, which shall be composed of the Governor of Maryland, the State Comptroller, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the President of the Johns Hopkins University, the President of St. John's College, the President of the Maryland Historical Society and the President of the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute of Baltimore. The members of said Commission shall serve without compensation.

87B. The Commission shall have supervision and control of the Hall of Records building and shall have authority to equip and furnish the said building and to preserve and repair the records, documents and archives placed under its supervision, the cost of same to be paid for out of any unexpended balance remaining from the appropriation contained in Chapter 253 of the Acts of 1931 for erecting and equipping said building, or out of any funds which may hereafter be appropriated for that purpose.

The Commission shall appoint a competent, qualified person, to be known as Archivist, who shall have charge of the active management of the building and its contents; provided that the Commission shall allot and designate a portion of the building for the use of the Land Office. The Commission shall employ such assistants, clerks and other employees as may be necessary for the work of collecting, repairing, indexing, copying, filing and preserving