

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].

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 9 and 106 of Article 41 of said Code (1957 Edition), subtitles "General Provisions" and "State Manual," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

9.

Prior to the adoption of any rule or regulation by an officer or department of the executive branch of the State of Maryland under any rule-making power granted by the General Assembly of Maryland, the said rule or regulation shall be submitted to the Attorney General of Maryland for approval as to its legality. Every officer, department, board, commission, bureau and similar agency of the State government other than those within the Legislative and Judiciary Departments who has power to make, promulgate, adopt or enforce rules and regulations shall file copies thereof with the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, with the Secretary of State and with the State Department of Legislative Reference. No rule or regulation hereafter made, promulgated or adopted shall be effective until after compliance with this section. Any rule or regulation, filed as required by this section, shall be admissible as evidence in any court proceeding, upon certification by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals. Nothing in this section shall relieve any officer, board or commission of any legal requirement as to the publication or other notice of the adoption or promulgation of such rules and regulations.

106.

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 public or private school or educational institution in the State of Maryland; fifty copies bound in cloth to the State Department of Legislative Reference, for exchange with other states; and the Secretary of State is hereby authorized to make such further distribution as he deems necessary or desirable.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 27 of Article 40 of the Code (1965 Supplement), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Legislative Council," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

27.

There is hereby created a Legislative Council. Said Council shall be composed of twenty members, as follows:

(1) From the Senate: The President, the chairman of the finance committee, the chairman of the judicial proceedings committee, the