

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 40 - General Assembly  
Section 50  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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(a) [The head of the State Department of Legislative Reference shall be the State Board of Legislative Reference, with five members, as follows: the President of the Senate of Maryland, the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the president of The Johns Hopkins University, and the dean of the Law School of the University of Maryland. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation.] THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE IS CREATED AND CONTINUED, WITH THE POWERS, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

(b) [The Board shall appoint a Director to conduct the affairs of the Department.] THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE IS THE EXECUTIVE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT. HE SHALL BE APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND SHALL HAVE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OVER THE OPERATIONS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. The Director shall hold office [during good behavior] INDEFINITELY and shall be subject to removal by the [Board, or by a majority of the Board,] PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER [for incompetence] UPON PROOF OF INEFFICIENCY, [or] NEGLECT OF DUTY, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE, OR OTHER CAUSE; but before any Director may be removed from office he shall be given a copy of the charges made against him and an opportunity of being publicly heard in person or by counsel in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed or applied to affect the appointment of or to change any other laws as to the Director of the State Department of Legislative Reference who is in office on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 2, 1978.