

former section appeared to be obsolete. The Clerk indicates that the Governor has not been asked to affix the State seal to a copy recently and, after a 1-year period, the Clerk no longer has the original bills, which are sent to the State Hall of Records Commission. However, since the Governor may have the seal only as required by law, the revision in subsection (a)(1) of this section preserves the power of the Governor to authenticate a copy of a law or resolution.

In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the former reference to the "Constitution" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad reference "law".

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to the "Executive Branch of the State government" is substituted for the former, ambiguous reference to "his department".

Defined term: "State" § 1-101

13-105. USE BY SECRETARY OF SENATE AND CHIEF CLERK OF HOUSE.

THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE AND THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE MAY HAVE THE STATE SEAL TO AFFIX IT TO A BILL, AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the fourth and fifth clauses of former Art. 41, § 45.

SUBTITLE 2. FLAGS.

13-201. ADOPTION OF STATE FLAG.

THE MARYLAND FLAG IS THE STATE FLAG.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first clause of former Art. 41, § 72.

13-202. DESCRIPTION OF STATE FLAG.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE STATE FLAG IS QUARTERED.

(B) FIRST AND FOURTH QUARTERS.

THE 1ST AND 4TH QUARTERS ARE Paly OF 6 PIECES, OR SABLE, A BEND DEXTER COUNTERCHANGED AND THE 2ND AND 3RD, QUARTERLY, ARE ARGENT AND GULES, A CROSS BOTTONY COUNTERSIGNED. THUS, THE 1ST AND 4TH QUARTERS CONSIST OF 6 VERTICAL BARS ALTERNATELY GOLD AND BLACK WITH A DIAGONAL BAND ON WHICH THE COLORS ARE REVERSED.