

CHAPTER 286

(Senate Bill 490)

AN ACT concerning

State Archives, Hall of Records Commission,
and Commission on Artistic Property

FOR the purpose of creating, as an independent agency within State government not a part of the Department of General Services, but within the Office of the Governor, a State Archives with a Commission on Artistic Property and an advisory body, known as the Hall of Records Commission; continuing the current composition of the Hall of Records Commission; providing for meetings of the Hall of Records Commission; altering the method for appointment of the State Archivist; providing for certain qualifications for the Archivist; providing for a deputy archivist and other staff; transferring certain powers, duties, and responsibilities of the current Hall of Records Commission to the State Archivist and to the State Archives; specifying the duties and functions of the Commission and additional powers, duties, and functions of the State Archivist and the State Archives; providing for the State Archives Fund and the Consolidated Publications Account to be under the State Archives and for certain moneys to be credited to the funds; altering provisions for appointment and tenure of members of the Commission on Artistic Property; altering the method for appointment of a chairman of the Commission on Artistic Property; altering requirements for the acceptance of decorative arts by the Commission on Artistic Property; specifying responsibility for the security of decorative art objects; altering the procedures for the compilation, editing, and distribution of the Maryland Manual; transferring the Records Management Division of the Hall of Records Commission and the functions of that Division to the Department of General Services; transferring the functions of the State Records Management Program from the Hall of Records Commission to the Department of General Services and providing for certain periodic reports from the Department of General Services; providing that certain public records belong to the State Archives or must be offered to the State Archives; providing for the destruction of certain records; providing for the custody and disposition of certain local records; providing for staff; providing as to compensation; defining certain terms; deleting a provision as to construction of references to the Commissioner of the Land Office or Land Commissioner as the State Archivist; deleting certain provisions as to the oath of that Commissioner and the staff; deleting an obsolete provision as to affixing the State seal to certain land patents; deleting a provision for review by the Hall of Records Commission of certain orders relating to land patent proceedings; providing for the