

FOREWORD

The purpose of the MARYLAND MANUAL is to present in concise form to the citizens of Maryland a description of their government. Since it is a publication of the State, the emphasis is primarily on the agencies of the State Government; that part having to do with local government is not intended to be more than a directory.

Essays devoted to individual governmental agencies contain at the very least an account of the legal status of the agency, its function, the name of the official in charge and the members of any governing body or commission, the number of persons employed, expenditures during the fiscal year 1949 and appropriations for 1950. A list of current publications of all agencies is given in a separate section.

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The reader's attention is called to the fact that the Index which formerly contained references only to that part of the book devoted to State agencies has now been enlarged to include all names of persons. As a result it has been necessary to divide the Index into a "General Index" devoted to agencies, subjects and functions and "An Index to Proper Names". Other additions are a tabulation of the results of the legislative elections of 1946, which is not available elsewhere and which we thought would be especially useful this General Election year, and a more informative treatment of State-aided institutions. Our most ambitious addition to this MANUAL is the publication of pictures of the members of the General Assembly.

We have, on the other hand, dropped the following sections as not being useful enough to justify the space required: "Results of Senatorial Elections, 1913-1946," "Results of Gubernatorial Elections, 1871-1946," and "Battle Flags of Maryland." The section called "Marylanders in Federal Government" was omitted because it proved impossible to establish a firm criterion for determining who is a Marylander.

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