

excepting the Public Service Commission, whose counsel is appointed by the Governor. The Attorney General or his assistants represent the State in all litigation, including criminal appeals, before the Court of Appeals. The Law Department acts as counsel to all Baltimore City officials appointed by the Governor, and to the Clerks of Courts, the Registers of Wills, the Sheriffs, State's Attorneys, and the Trial Magistrates of the several counties and of the City of Baltimore, as well as to certain other county officials. The Department does not represent the Boards of County Commissioners, the Boards of Education, the Boards of Supervisors of Elections, or such other boards or officials of the counties which have the power to employ and appoint their own counsel. The Attorney General may render an opinion on any legal subject or matter upon the request of the Governor, of the General Assembly, or either House thereof, or of any department or agency of the State (Code 1951, Art. 32A; 1957 supp., Art. 32A, sec. 6).

The administrative rules and regulations promulgated by any State officer or agency must be submitted to the Attorney General for review before they may become effective (Code 1951, Art. 41, sec. 9). The Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Subversive Activities Act (Code 1951, Art. 85A, secs. 1-19).

Appropriations	1957	1958
General Funds	\$113,219	\$138,005
Staff: 20 (of which 12 are paid from this appropriation).		

DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

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The Department of Legislative Reference was originally created in 1906 to serve the City of Baltimore; in 1916 the scope of the Department was enlarged to serve the State as well. The Department collects, compiles, and indexes information on all questions of proposed legislation. It investigates and reports on the laws of Maryland and other states at the request of the Governor, any committee or member of the General Assembly, or any State agency. At the request of a member of the General Assembly, the Department prepares or aids in the drafting of any law or resolution. During sessions of the General Assembly, the Department maintains offices in the State House at Annapolis. Each department of the State Government is required to transmit to the Department of Legislative Reference at least two copies of each of its reports, which are used for exchange and reference purposes. The Department keeps a complete index and a complete file on all bills introduced in the General Assembly from 1908 to the present. It also keeps copies of the codes and laws of other states, and it maintains a library of books, pamphlets, reports, periodicals, and clippings on matters of current public and political interest. The Department also has supervision of the Archives of Baltimore (Code 1951, Art. 41, secs. 117-21).

Appropriations	1957	1958
General Funds	\$28,764	\$23,964
Staff: 4.		