

Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the same time, the General Assembly must convene and fill the office of Governor by a majority vote of all the members in joint session. The chosen Governor then nominates a Lieutenant Governor with the same confirmation.

The President of the Senate serves as acting Governor if the Lieutenant Governor is not able to serve as acting Governor. If there is a vacancy in the office of President of the Senate when he is authorized to serve as acting Governor, the Senate must convene and fill the vacancy (Chapter 532, Acts of 1970; Const. 1867, Art. II, secs. 1A, 1B, 6 and 7A).

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$2,708,206	\$5,238,225

STATE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

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The State Department of Legislative Reference was originally created by Chapter 565, Acts of 1906 to serve the City of Baltimore. The scope of the Department was enlarged so that it would also serve the State by Chapter 474, Acts of 1916. By Chapter 453, Acts of 1965, the State's portion of the Department was transferred to the Legislative Branch. The present Department dates its present organization from Chapter 571, Acts of 1966, which separated this Department of the State government from the Department of the same name in Baltimore City.

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 must 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 1918 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 (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 40, secs. 48-53).

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$229,887	\$726,354
Staff: 42.		

JOINT COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND AUDIT

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