

## FOREWORD

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This edition marks a major reorganization of Maryland State government through legislation enacted by the 1987 General Assembly. Although much of the *Manual* was revised prior to the last legislative session, its contents reflect the most significant changes in government made by that session. These include a new Department of the Environment; reorganization of the Departments of Economic and Community Development, and Employment and Training to form the Department of Economic and Employment Development, and the Department of Housing and Community Development; and creation of an independent Juvenile Services Agency.

Since the last edition, several agencies have been restructured: the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Office for Handicapped Individuals, the Office on Volunteerism, and the Governor's Office of Justice Assistance (formerly the Maryland Criminal Justice Coordinating Council).

Additional changes in government are noted on nearly every page of this *Manual*. For example, the number of Executive Commissions that have concluded their work in the past two years is greater than in any previous period.

While our main intent has been to document government structure, the reader will note other revisions as well. This edition presents legislative election returns in an easy to read tabular format, thanks to the ingenuity of Gregory Stiverson, Madeleine Hughes, and Renee Sander, and the patient word processing of Lynne Browne, and Kirsten Smith. The text also provides TTY numbers, where available, for the deaf and adds county executives to the Historical List of Principal Officers.

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This edition marks a new "home" for the *Maryland Manual*. In July 1986, the State Archives moved into the new Hall of Records Building at 350 Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis. Extensive planning over several years enabled the Archives to move Maryland records safely to the new building in "record" time. The move was remarkable. It required not only years of preparation but incredible, prolonged physical labor on the part of the Archives staff. While professional movers handled office furniture, archivists and archival interns moved the collective memory of State government, literally tons of records, without loss of the archives.