

The Legislative Division provides legal staff services to the General Assembly. The Division drafts and reviews nearly all bills and amendments introduced or considered by the General Assembly. In a typical year, the Division writes over 3,500 bills and joint resolutions and prepares over 2,000 amendments to them.

The Division also provides professional staff services to six of the ten major standing committees of the General Assembly (four House committees and two Senate committees). During the legislative session, these staff members of the Division work under the specific direction of committee chairpersons, and under the general direction of the Division. In the interim between sessions, the Division provides staff support for several legislative statutory and special joint committees, task forces, and commissions. Division staff also prepares informational materials and reports for the General Assembly.

Another essential function of the Legislative Division is the review and analysis of regulations proposed for adoption by State agencies. This review helps ensure agency compliance with statutory authority, legislative intent, and public notice requirements.

DIVISION OF STATUTORY REVISION

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The Division of Statutory Revision was created in 1972 within the Department of Legislative Reference (Chapter 182, Acts of 1972). The Division, also known as the Code Revision Division, is administered by the Revisor of Statutes, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates. With Division staff, the Revisor of Statutes directs the ongoing comprehensive revision and restatement of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, i.e., the statutory body of the laws of Maryland (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-1315 through 2-1319).

The first reorganization and recodification of the Code since 1888 was begun in 1970 by the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Commission was charged to study and revise the *Annotated Code* in order to improve the organization, accessibility, utility, and clarity of law, and to eliminate unconstitutional, obsolete, inconsistent or conflicting statutes. Until 1985, the Revisor and the Division worked under Commission supervision.

In 1985, the Legislative Policy Committee voted to continue the work of the Commission under a reorganized system of small committees with over-

sight from the Legislative Policy Committee and continuing review by the General Assembly. Organized to revise the *Annotated Code*, the committee system includes the Article Selection Committee and individual Article review committees for Articles in production. Currently under review are the following Articles: Business Occupations; Business Regulations; Labor and Employment; and State Personnel.

The Division has produced the following eighteen Articles which the General Assembly enacted into law: Agriculture; Commercial Law; Corporations and Associations; Courts and Judicial Proceedings; Education; Estates and Trusts; Family Law; Financial Institutions; Health—Environmental; Health—General; Health Occupations; Natural Resources; Real Property; State Finance and Procurement; State Government; Tax—General; Tax—Property; and Transportation. The Division also has produced the Business Occupations Article for introduction in the 1989 Session.

ARTICLE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: William H. Adkins II 974-2495

Avery Aisenstark; Lowell R. Bowen; Franklin B. Olmsted; Roger D. Redden; Shale D. Stiller; Alan M. Wilner.

Appointed by the Governor, the Article Selection Committee provides advice on the selection of proposed Articles and the composition of Article committees.

BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Lowell R. Bowen

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The Business Occupations Article Review Committee was appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Committee reviewed and guided production of the Business Occupations Article to be introduced in the 1989 legislative session.

BUSINESS REGULATIONS ARTICLE REVIEW COMMITTEE

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