

The Department also provides support services to the General Assembly through printing, bill distribution, telecommunications, and the intern and page programs. In addition, the Department administers a public affairs program that includes publications, audio-visual materials, the *Annapolis Report*, and the Legislative Handbook series.

DIVISION OF BUDGET REVIEW

Robert E. Brady, *Director* 841-3736

The Division of Budget Review studies and reviews the State's operating and capital budgets during all phases of their development by the Executive and adoption by the Legislature, including an annual analysis submitted to the General Assembly. Studies of the operation, administration, and effectiveness of State agencies and institutions are compiled. The Division prepares a short and long term forecast of State revenues and expenditures and an annual analysis of State bonded indebtedness. Under the Regulatory Program Evaluation Act of 1978, the Division also provides the evaluation reports required (Code State Government Article, sec. 2-1228).

DIVISION OF FISCAL RESEARCH

Joseph M. Coble, *Director* 841-3710

The Division of Fiscal Research provides staff support to the fiscal committees of the General Assembly and studies State and local financial matters and fiscal interrelationships. As required by law, it prepares fiscal notes on every bill or joint resolution, collects financial data on local governments, and publishes an annual report on local government finances. The Division also compiles an annual report on the fiscal impact of each legislative session (Code State Government Article, sec. 2-1234).

DIVISION OF AUDITS

Anthony J. Verdecchia, *Legislative Auditor*

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The Office of Legislative Auditor was established as the Office of the State Auditor in 1902 and 1929 (Chapter 257, Acts of 1902; Chapter 226, Acts of 1929). The Office of Legislative Auditor is responsible for conducting post audits of a compliance or performance nature of all departments, agencies, and institutions of State government, including the offices of clerks of court and registers of wills. Upon direction by the General Assembly or the Joint Budget and Audit Committee, the Legislative Auditor may undertake a management audit of a State agency or program or an audit of a private organization that receives State funds. The Office also reviews the audit reports of all local govern-

ments and community colleges (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-1201 through 2-1222).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Chairperson: George A. Nilson

Appointed by Governor: Naomi C. Booker; L. Russell Gobbel; Louise Kier; George A. Nilson; *one vacancy.*

Appointed by Senate President: Phyllis B. Brotman; Richard A. Friedlander.

Appointed by House Speaker: Charles H. Rush; John F. Shettle, Sr. *Terms expire 1990.*

Staff: William S. Ratchford II

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The General Assembly Compensation Commission was created by Constitutional Amendment, ratified November 3, 1970 (Chapter 576, Acts of 1970). The Commission determines the compensation and allowances due members of the General Assembly. The Legislature may reduce but not increase the amounts proposed. As of January 1989, the annual salary of a legislator is \$24,000. The annual salary for the Senate President and the House Speaker is \$31,500.

The Commission consists of nine members, five appointed by the Governor, two appointed by the President of the Senate, and two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Members serve four-year terms. Officers and employees of State or local government are not eligible for appointment to the Commission (Const., Art. III, sec. 15).

STATE COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

Chairperson: M. Michael Cramer, 1991

K. King Burnett, 1991; M. King Hill, Jr., 1991

Associate Commissioner: Elizabeth Buckler Veronis

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The General Assembly, in 1896, established the Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States (Chapter 264, Acts of 1896). In 1984, the Commissioners were renamed the State Commission on Uniform State Laws (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-201 through 9-206).