

FOREWORD

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The primary purpose of the MANUAL is to present to the citizens of Maryland, as briefly as possible, a description of their government, its functions, its agencies, its personnel and its cost. The MANUAL also contains similar information for county government plus a valuable directory of local officers not available elsewhere. The reader will find, in addition, the Charter and the Constitution mainsprings of our political life, and much descriptive and historical material. He is urged to examine the Table of Contents and the Indexes with care.

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