

## PREFACE

After the *Maryland Manual, 1996-1997* was issued, the State Archives released an electronic edition of the *Manual*. With the help of Lynne MacAdam and Betsy Bodziak of the State Archives, the *Maryland Manual On-Line* first appeared in December 1996. Since then, it has been maintained and updated daily by *Maryland Manual* staff.

In July 1997, e-mail service began for the *Manual*, affording citizens a dynamic source of information on Maryland State, county and municipal government. A search engine was added in February 2000, enabling viewers to search the entire *Maryland Manual* site for specific names, agencies, dates, and subjects.

As the *Maryland Manual On-Line* preceded the *Maryland Manual, 2001*, so the electronic version also defined this volume's content. Previously, page size determined each element of the book. With the advent of the on-line *Manual*, however, page size became unlimited, except to the extent that graphics had to be of a size that would not significantly increase downloading time. Consequently, text grew and the number of images increased. Not all of the thousands of on-line files could be printed. Thus, although much of the material on-line does not appear in the book edition (for lack of space), it still is accessible on the accompanying compact disc as "a slice in time" for June 2001, and on-line where it is updated continuously.

We are most grateful to Lynne MacAdam who has brought this edition of the *Maryland Manual* into its current form. This volume outlines the organizational structure of government agencies and provides names, biographies, addresses, phones, faxes, e-mail addresses, and websites of government officials; election returns; and the State Constitution. It also carries a compact disc (self-executing) that recorded the entire website of the *Maryland Manual On-Line* in June 2001. Thanks go to Gregory Lepore who produced the disc, using WebCompiler (Oakley Data Services).

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