

Chapter 552

(House Bill 78)

AN ACT concerning

**State Government – Maryland Manual – Revisions
(Maryland Manual Modernization Act)**

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law to require the State Archives to compile, edit, and publish an online Maryland Manual; altering the content of the Maryland Manual; requiring, as provided in the State budget, the State Archives to update the Maryland Manual as necessary to maintain the accuracy of the information and to annually preserve ~~each~~ a version that ~~is published~~ contains certain changes; ~~providing that the Maryland Manual constitutes the historical record of government in the State~~; requiring the State Archivist, to the extent practicable, to provide certain outreach to certain persons; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the provision and distribution of the Maryland Manual by the State Archivist; and generally relating to the Maryland Manual.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1026
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

9–1026.

(a) [Every 2 years, the] **THE** State Archives shall compile [and], edit [a], **AND PUBLISH AN ONLINE** Maryland Manual that:

(1) DESCRIBES:

(I) THE STATE AND ITS GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING STATE, INTERSTATE, REGIONAL, COUNTY, INTERCOUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; AND

(II) FEDERAL OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE STATE; AND

(2) contains:

[(1)] (I) a copy of the Maryland Constitution;

[(2)] (II) the name [and address] of each officer of the State [or], a county, OR A MUNICIPALITY who is:

[(i)] 1. elected;

[(ii)] 2. appointed by the Governor; or

[(iii)] 3. appointed by the Board of Public Works; and

[(3)] (III) any other information that, in consultation with the Hall of Records Commission, the State Archivist considers necessary.

[(b)] In accordance with Division II of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Archives shall print the Maryland Manual, as provided in the State budget.]

(B) ~~THE~~ AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE STATE ARCHIVES SHALL:

(1) UPDATE THE MARYLAND MANUAL AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION; AND

(2) ANNUALLY PRESERVE EACH A VERSION OF THE MARYLAND MANUAL THAT IS PUBLISHED CONTAINS ALL CHANGES MADE TO THE MARYLAND MANUAL UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR.

~~(C) THE MARYLAND MANUAL CONSTITUTES THE HISTORICAL RECORD OF GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE.~~

~~(D)~~ (C) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE STATE ARCHIVIST SHALL PROVIDE OUTREACH TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO INCREASE AWARENESS REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY AND CONTENT OF THE MARYLAND MANUAL.

[9–1027.

(a) The State Archivist shall provide, without charge:

(1) to the State Law Library, 25 cloth-bound copies of each new Maryland Manual;

(2) to each member of the General Assembly, 2 cloth-bound copies and 8 other copies of each new Maryland Manual;

(3) to each public or private educational institution in the State, 1 copy of each new Maryland Manual; and

(4) to the Legislative Library, 50 cloth-bound copies of each new Maryland Manual.

(b) If a former member of the General Assembly asks the State Archivist for a copy of the Maryland Manual, the State Archivist shall provide, without charge, a copy of the current Maryland Manual.

(c) The State Archivist and the Secretary of State may distribute other copies of the Maryland Manual as they consider necessary or desirable.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.