

CHAPTER 551

(Senate Bill 418)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Submission of Publications to the General Assembly – Procedures

FOR the purpose of altering certain procedures to be followed by an official or unit of the State government intending to submit or distribute certain publications to the General Assembly or to a committee, staff agency, or employee of the General Assembly; requiring an official or unit to submit one copy of certain publications to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates in a certain format under certain circumstances; requiring an official or unit intending to distribute a publication to a standing committee of the General Assembly to obtain the approval of the chair of the committee, except under certain circumstances, and to comply with certain procedures; requiring an official or unit to provide certain copies of a publication to the library of the Department of Legislative Services as requested by the library on behalf of a member of the General Assembly; requiring certain publications submitted in fulfillment of a duty imposed by law to contain certain information; requiring the library of the Department to collect, catalogue, and preserve certain publications; defining a certain term; making certain technical and clarifying changes; and generally relating to the procedures for the submission and distribution of publications to the General Assembly.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 2–1246
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

2–1246.

(a) **IN THIS SECTION, “PUBLICATION” INCLUDES ANY REPORT, STUDY, OR NOTIFICATION.**

(B) [Each official or unit of the State government shall submit to the Department a list of the reports and other publications] **FOR EACH PUBLICATION** that [the] **AN** official or unit [issues and] **OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT** intends to distribute or submit to the General Assembly or to any committee, staff agency, or employee of the General Assembly, **THE OFFICIAL OR UNIT SHALL:**

(1) **SUBMIT ONE COPY TO THE PRESIDENT AND ONE COPY TO THE SPEAKER IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER;**

(2) **SUBMIT FIVE PRINTED COPIES TO THE LIBRARY OF THE DEPARTMENT; AND**

(3) **IN THE CASE OF A PUBLICATION TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO A COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

(I) **UNLESS THE PUBLICATION IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE AS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY LAW, OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR THE DISTRIBUTION FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR; AND**

(II) **COMPLY WITH THE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE.**

[(b)] (C) An official or unit:

(1) shall submit to the **LIBRARY OF THE** Department [5 copies of each report that the official or unit intends to distribute or submit to the General Assembly or to any committee, staff agency, or employee of the General Assembly], **IN ADDITION TO THE COPIES OF A PUBLICATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, ANY ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PUBLICATION REQUESTED BY THE LIBRARY ON BEHALF OF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; and**

(2) may give [the report] **A PUBLICATION DIRECTLY** to a member of the General Assembly only if:

(i) the President and the Speaker have given written approval for distribution of the [report] **PUBLICATION** to each member of the General Assembly; or

(ii) the member asks for the [report] **PUBLICATION**.

(D) TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, EACH PUBLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO ANY COMMITTEE, STAFF AGENCY, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN FULFILLMENT OF A DUTY IMPOSED BY LAW SHALL SPECIFY THE LAW UNDER WHICH THE PUBLICATION IS BEING SUBMITTED.

[(c)] **(E)** The Department shall:

- (1) keep a list of the publications of the officials and units;
- (2) periodically send the list to each member of the General Assembly;

and

(3) on request of a member of the General Assembly, obtain a publication of an official or unit for the member.

[(d) (1)] **(F)** The **LIBRARY OF THE** Department shall [index]:

(1) CATALOG and preserve the publications that officials and units submit as required by law[.]; **AND**

(2) [The Department may] collect, [index] **CATALOG**, and preserve any other publication that the Department considers necessary **OR THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT OR THE SPEAKER TO COLLECT, CATALOG, AND PRESERVE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.