

## **Department of State State Documents**

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## Summary Information

**Repository:** Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of the State Library

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**Date:** Majority of material found within 2018 - Present

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## Scope and Contents

The Department of State is headed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The Secretary is the keeper of the Great Seal of the Commonwealth and has the duty of authenticating government documents through the seal's use. As such, the Secretary is custodian of the laws and resolutions passed by the General Assembly and of all proclamations issued by the Governor. Veto messages of the Governor are prepared for publication under the Secretary's signature. All commissions, appointments, and proclamations issued by the Governor are countersigned and recorded by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. All death warrants, respites, pardons, remittances of fines and forfeitures, and commutations of sentences are recorded by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The Secretary is also the Commonwealth's Chief Election Official. Further, the Secretary is the Chair of the Navigation Commission for the Delaware River and Its Navigable Tributaries, Chairperson of the Board of Property, and a member of the Board of Finance and Revenue, the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board, and the State Athletic Commission.

The publications of the Department of State contain annual reports. Selected topics from these publications include small business exemptions. The bulk of the current material is dated from 2018 to present.

## Biographical / Historical

The Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth office was established under the Constitution of 1776.

## Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Office of the Governor (parent agency)

## Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the Department of State at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit: <https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class993>.

## Administrative Information

## **Publication Statement**

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