

A HISTORY OF THE 1966 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of Maryland met in Special Session on March 30, 1966.

The session was called for the main purpose of considering the enactment of an enabling act for the imposition of income or payroll taxes by Baltimore City or any county in the State. Such a bill was enacted at this session along with a number of less important measures.

A HISTORY OF THE 1967 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND

The General Assembly met in regular session on January 18, 1967. The session adjourned on March 28, 1967.

A total of 1,866 bills were introduced in 1967, of which 715 were Senate bills and 1,151 were House bills. Of the 715 Senate bills, 336 were passed by both Houses and of this latter number 324 were signed by the Governor and 12 were vetoed. Of the 1,151 bills introduced into the House, 453 were passed by both Houses and of this latter number 436 were signed by the Governor and 17 were vetoed.

A total of 139 joint resolutions were introduced, 66 being in the Senate and 73 in the House. Of these totals, 31 Senate joint resolutions and 26 House joint resolutions were passed by both Houses.

The budget bill enacted at this session for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, amounted to approximately \$1,070,000,000. The bond construction bill passed at this session was for a total amount of \$48,900,700.

Among the most important laws enacted at the 1967 session were the tax revision program for increasing payments to political subdivisions and for imposing a graduated income tax, legislation to establish procedures for the Constitutional Convention of 1967, a revision of the State Election Laws, the Susquehanna River Compact for the states of New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, provisions for additional bridges across the Chesapeake Bay and for a second tunnel under Baltimore Harbor, procedures for the exercise of home rule by code counties, a revision of the air pollution laws, and the regulation of revolving credit.

Because of the impending Constitutional Convention only two proposed constitutional amendments were adopted. They were for setting up "quick-taking" procedures for condemnation in Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties. Both were made contingent upon a new Constitution if proposed by the Constitutional Convention.

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The General Assembly met in Special Session on June 22, 1967.

The Session was called to correct a constitutional error in the tax revision program enacted earlier at the regular Session in 1967. This was accomplished and the Special Session was adjourned on the same day.