

103.

Any vacancy in the Council, from any cause, shall be filled by the Governor, regard being had, however, for the method of selection hereinbefore provided.

104.

The Council shall make a report to each session of the General Assembly of Maryland, of the work of the various branches of the judicial system, with its recommendations for modification of existing conditions. It may also from time to time submit such suggestions as it may deem advisable, for the consideration of the judges of the various courts, with relation to rules, and practice and procedure.

105.

The Council may hold public hearings and shall have power to administer oaths and require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and documents. A witness who gives false testimony or fails to appear when duly summoned, shall be subject to the same penalties to which a witness before a court is subject, and the same shall be imposed by any judge having jurisdiction over the person of the offender.

106.

No member of said Council shall receive any compensation for his services. The Council and the several members thereof shall be allowed such expenses for clerical and other services, traveling, and incidentals, as may be provided for in the budget. The Council shall pay the salaries of such assistants as the Court of Appeals may employ pursuant to the authority contained in Section 28 of this article and shall pay the traveling and other expenses, including printing and other costs, of the committee appointed by the Court of Appeals pursuant to the provisions of said section. All disbursements shall be by vouchers signed by the president of the Council.】

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all books, papers, files, records, furniture, fixtures, and other personal property owned by or in the custody, as of June 30, 1971, of the Judicial Council, shall be transferred to and be in the ownership or custody of the Board of Public Works.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all appropriations and credits on the books, papers, and accounts of any department or other agency of this State, as of June 30, 1971, for and to the credit of the Judicial Council, and all liabilities and obligations as of June 30, 1971, of the Judicial Council, shall be transferred to and become the appropriations, credits, liabilities, and obligations of the Board of Public Works.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 23, 1971.