

Defined terms: "Bill" § 2-1508
"House" § 2-101 "Senate" § 2-101

2-1511. DELIVERY TO OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

(A) REQUIRED.

THE GOVERNOR SHALL DELIVER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR A DESIGNEE IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE:

(1) EACH BILL THAT THE GOVERNOR APPROVES, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE APPROVAL;

(2) EACH BILL THAT BECOMES LAW WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, ON THE DAY THE BILL BECOMES LAW; AND

(3) EACH BILL THAT THE GOVERNOR VETOES.

(B) CHAPTER NUMBERS.

(1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ASSIGN A CHAPTER NUMBER TO EACH BILL THAT BECOMES LAW.

(2) CHAPTER NUMBERS SHALL BE ASSIGNED IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THE BILLS BECOME LAW.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a)(1) and (2) and (b) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence and first clause of the fourth sentence of former Art. 41, § 46.

Subsection (a)(3) of this section is new language substituted for the second sentence of former Art. 41, § 46, which required delivery of "bills which fail to become law through his refusal or failure to approve the same after the adjournment of the General Assembly" and which is deleted as obsolete. Under Md. Constitution, Art. II, § 17, as amended in 1974, the Governor must veto a bill to keep the bill from becoming law, and failure to act within the time set by the Constitution results in the bill becoming law. This substitution also conforms to practice.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to "each bill that becomes law" is substituted for the former reference to "bills delivered to" the Secretary of State, since bills that do not become law also are delivered to the Secretary of State.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former reference to bills "approved by the Governor" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad reference to bills that become law.

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