

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF MEMBERS

SENATE

JOSEPH A. BERTORELLI, Democrat, Baltimore 1st; born in Baltimore, June 10, 1911. He attended public school in Baltimore, the Baltimore College of Commerce, and Baltimore City College. From 1944 to 1945 he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatres with the United States Navy. Professional Musician, Past Commander American Legion Post No. 177, President Italian American Civic Club of Maryland, Inc., Past President Southern Community Council. Member, Knights of Columbus, Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Past Vice President Musicians Local No. 40 of Baltimore City. Married. Elected to the House of Delegates in 1946. Elected to the Baltimore City Council in 1951. Elected to the Senate in 1954.

HARRY A. COLE, Republican, Baltimore 4th; born in Washington, D. C., January 1, 1921. He attended the public schools of Baltimore, Morgan State College, graduating in 1943, and the University of Maryland Law School, graduating in 1949. Attorney. Member of the Maryland Bar. Formerly Justice of the Peace of Baltimore City and Assistant Attorney General of Maryland. From 1943 to 1946 he served as 1st Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps. Secretary Monumental City Bar Association. Member, Y.M.C.A., Urban League, N.A.A.C.P. Unmarried. Elected to the Senate in 1954.

ROBERT P. DEAN, Democrat, Queen Anne's County; born in Ridgely April 9, 1909. He attended Caroline County public schools, Washington College, graduating in 1931, and Sperry Gyro School in New York, 1934. Farmer. Served in Cavalry, C.M.T.C., 1925-1929. President of Centreville Rotary Club and Past President Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau. Married. Elected to the Senate in 1954.

GEORGE W. DELLA, Democrat, Baltimore 6th; born in Baltimore, February 9, 1908, attending the public schools of that city and Baltimore City College, graduating 1927. Received B.B.A. degree from the University of Baltimore, 1932; graduated from University of Baltimore Law School in 1935 and was admitted to the Bar in 1936. Attorney. Chairman, Insurance and Loans Committee, 1945 and 1947; chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee, 1949 and 1950, member Baltimore Country Club and Masons. Married. Appointed to the Senate in 1939. President of the Senate 1951-1954.

THOMAS F. DEMPSEY, Democrat, Baltimore 3rd; born in Hamilton, Baltimore County, September 6, 1914. He attended St. Paul's School, Baltimore; Calvert Hall; and the University of Baltimore, graduating in 1938. Member of the Bar since 1941. Attorney. Married. Member House of Delegates 1939-1953. Elected to the Senate in 1954.

ANTHONY F. DIDOMENICO, Democrat, Baltimore 2nd; born in Baltimore, June 24, 1905. Attended the Baltimore public schools, University of Maryland, receiving degree of LL.B. in 1926; and the Johns Hopkins University. Attorney. Member of the House of Delegates 1942-1946 and of Baltimore City Council 1947-1954. Member of Elks. Unmarried. Elected to the Senate in 1954.

CHARLES L. DOWNEY, Republican, Washington County; born at Downsville, May 31, 1915. Attended public schools and the University of Maryland, College of Agriculture, graduating 1938, B.S. degree. Operates farm machinery business. Taught vocational agriculture. Served 4½ years World War II as Major with 102nd Infantry Division, European theatre. Married. Member of the House of Delegates, 1951-1955. Appointed to the Senate in 1955.