

### A HISTORY OF THE 1964 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly met in regular session on February 5, 1964. This session adjourned on March 5, 1964.

A total of 601 bills was introduced, of which 217 were Senate bills and 384 were House bills. Of the 217 Senate bills, 91 were passed by both Houses, and of this latter number, 83 were signed by the Governor and 8 were vetoed. Of the 384 House bills introduced, 112 were passed by both Houses, and of this latter number, 109 were signed by the Governor and 3 were vetoed.

A total of 63 joint resolutions was introduced, 18 being in the Senate and 45 in the House. Seven Senate joint resolutions and 10 House joint resolutions, a total of 17, were passed by both Houses.

The budget bill enacted at this session, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, amounted to \$678,084,907. The bond construction bill passed at this session was for a total amount of \$27,593,000.

Among the more important laws enacted at the 1964 regular session were those to provide for the entry of the State of Maryland into the Bus Taxation Proration and Reciprocity Agreement, the bill reconstituting the Intergovernmental Cooperation Commission, the revision of the Fire Code and the reconstruction of the Fire Marshal's office, the creation of a Committee on Legislative Review, the providing of incentive funds for county libraries, the revision of the license laws affecting the Real Estate Commission, the publishing of regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act, the increase in the franchise tax for savings and loan associations, the revision of many of the laws on banks and banking, the revision of the narcotics laws, the bill requiring snow tires on driving wheels, the daily meditation bill for the public schools, the law reconstituting the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, and a revision of the laws concerning well drillers.

Constitutional amendments were proposed relating to Article 35 of the Declaration of Rights concerning the office of notary public, and an annual 70-day session for the General Assembly of Maryland.

Another important bill enacted during this session was to revise the financial formula for the public school system, including the imposition of an additional rate on the State Income tax.

### A HISTORY OF THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1964

The General Assembly met in Special Session on March 11, 1964, adjourning on March 14, 1964.

One of the more important bills passed was that to reconstitute the several legislative districts for Baltimore City. Another important bill was that concerning assessment of stock in business and inventories in Carroll County. The so-called Fiscal Note bill for the General Assembly was repealed. There was legislation providing the machinery for revenue bonds for industrial buildings in the several municipal corporations. The law relating to the People's Court in Howard County was generally revised.

At this session a total of 107 bills was introduced, of which 44 were Senate bills and 63 were House bills. The Governor signed 38 bills and vetoed one bill.