

The Legislative Council, established by the General Assembly in 1939, consists of thirty members, fifteen from the Senate and fifteen from the House of Delegates. The President of the Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Committee on Economic Affairs and the Minority Floor Leader are ex officio members from the Senate. The President of the Senate appoints the remaining ten members, and the appointments are subject to approval by majority vote of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and the Minority Floor Leader are ex officio members from the House. The Speaker appoints the remaining eleven members, and the appointments are subject to approval by majority vote of the House. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council respectively (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., 1968 Supp., Art. 40, sec. 27).

The Council meets in the interim between the regular sessions of the General Assembly to study previously enacted laws and suggest any necessary amendments thereto; to recommend a program of legislation in the form of proposed bills; and to study the rules of both Houses of the General Assembly and suggest revisions for expediting the business of the Legislature. The Council receives recommendations from the various State agencies, bar associations, labor unions, and other organized groups and private individuals. It holds hearings on legislative proposals and may subpoena witnesses and records.

**COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

Chairman: Norman R. Stone, Jr.

Member from the Senate: Ronald C. Brubaker.

Members from the House of Delegates: Carter M. Hickman, James Kardash, Charles J. Krysiak.

By Chapter 96, Acts of 1964, the Committee on Legislative Review was created as a joint standing committee. The Committee consists of two Senators and three Delegates appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates respectively at the conclusion of each regular session. Members serve for one year. The Committee may inquire into the failure of an officer or employee of either the Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Branches of the State government to comply with the statutory or constitutional law of the State. The Committee may also review the rules and regulations which are adopted by any State agency in the Executive Branch as to their legality and make any necessary recommendations. The Committee is to report annually to the Legislative Council and to the General Assembly (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 40, sec. 40A).

Appropriations	1969	1970
General Funds .....	\$400,000	\$600,000
Staff, 1969: 12; Staff, 1970: 18.		

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the House of Delegates was fixed at 142 delegates by Chapter 2, Acts of October 11, 1965 (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., 1968 Supp., Art. 40, secs. 42-42D, 47-47C). Each county was guaranteed a minimum of one delegate, with the remainder (118) apportioned after this initial award. Any county awarded more than eight