

MELVIN A. STEINBERG

Lieutenant Governor



Melvin A. Steinberg, Maryland's fourth Lieutenant Governor since the office was reestablished in 1970, brings more than twenty years of legislative experience to the State's second highest elected office.

Lieutenant Governor Steinberg began his career in public service in November 1966 when he won election to the State Senate. Mr. Steinberg received the largest number of votes cast for a State Senate candidate in Baltimore County. He made an immediate impact on the State political scene, winning election as Chairman of the Baltimore County Delegation during his first year in the Senate.

In the years to follow, Mr. Steinberg continued to demonstrate strong leadership qualities as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Ethics, Committee on Narcotics, Subcommittee on Family Law, and Joint Committee on Racing, and as a member of numerous task forces and committees.

In January 1975, he was designated Vice-Chairman of the Judicial Proceedings Committee and, in January 1979, he became Chairman of the Finance Committee.

In January 1983, beginning his fifth consecutive term as a Senator, Mr. Steinberg was chosen by his colleagues to serve as President of the Senate. Mr. Steinberg served in that capacity until his election as Lieutenant Governor in November 1986.

During Mr. Steinberg's tenure in the General Assembly, he sponsored or was the leading spokesman for a number of significant bills. Mr. Steinberg served as a member of the blue ribbon Task Force on Health-Care Cost Containment and, under his leadership in the Senate, major legislation was enacted which accomplished substantial steps in controlling rising health care costs. As Chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee, he developed and drafted the original rules pertaining to disclosure and conflict of interest for legislators.