

appoint a person who is otherwise properly qualified to hold the office of delegate or senator in such District or County. In every case when any person is so appointed by the Governor, his appointment shall be deemed to be for the unexpired term of the person whose office has become vacant.¹

This section referred to in construing art. 3, sec. 19—see notes thereto. *Covington v. Buffett*, 90 Md. 569.

Sec. 14. The General Assembly shall meet on the first Wednesday of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, and at no other time, unless convened by Proclamation of the Governor.

Meaning of the term "general assembly" as used in this section, referred to in determining that the Governor was not embraced in that term as used in art. 14, sec. 1—see notes thereto. *Warfield v. Vandiver*, 101 Md. 111. See Art. 17, sec. 6.

Sec. 15. The General Assembly may continue its session so long as in its judgment the public interest may require, for a period not longer than ninety days; and each member thereof shall receive a compensation of five dollars *per diem* for every day he shall attend the session, but not for such days as he may be absent, unless absent on account of sickness or by leave of the House of which he is a member; and he shall also receive such mileage as may be allowed by law, not exceeding twenty cents per mile; and the presiding officer of each House shall receive an additional compensation of three dollars per day. When the General Assembly shall be convened by Proclamation of the Governor, the session shall not continue longer than thirty days, and in such case the compensation shall be the same as herein prescribed.²

[15. The General Assembly may continue its session so long as in its judgment the public interest may require, for a period not longer than ninety days; and each member thereof shall receive a compensation of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) per annum, payable quarterly, with a deduction of ten dollars per diem for each day of unexcused absence from any session; and he shall also receive such mileage as may be allowed by law, not exceeding twenty cents per mile; and the presiding officer of each House shall receive an additional compensation of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars per annum. When the General Assembly shall be convened by Proclamation of the Governor, the session shall not continue longer than thirty days, but no additional compensation other than mileage and other allowances provided by law shall be paid members of the General Assembly for Special Sessions.]³

Meaning of the term "general assembly" as contained in this section, referred to in determining that the Governor was not embraced in that term as used in art. 14, sec. 1—see notes thereto. *Warfield v. Vandiver*, 101 Md. 111.

Sec. 16. No book, or other printed matter, not appertaining to the business of the session, shall be purchased or subscribed for, for the use of the members of the General Assembly, or be distributed among them, at the public expense.

¹ Thus amended by Ch. 584 of the Acts of 1935 and ratified at November election, 1936.

² An amendment to this section increasing the compensation of members of the General Assembly to \$15 per diem was submitted by act of 1929, ch. 348, and rejected by the people in November, 1930. An amendment increasing the compensation to \$10 per diem was submitted by act of 1931, ch. 185, and rejected by the people in November, 1934.

³ This amendment was submitted by ch. 247, 1939 and will be voted upon by the people in Nov. 1940.