

CHAPTER 565.

AN ACT to add three additional sections to Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Charter," to follow immediately after Section 208, and to be known as Sections 208 A, 208 B and 308 c, creating a new Department, to be known as the Department of Legislative Reference.

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That three additional sections be added to Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Charter," to follow immediately after Section 208, and to be known as Sections 208 A, 208 B and 208 c, creating a new Department, to be known as the Department of Legislative Reference, and to read as follows :

Department of
legislative
reference.

Section 208 A. There shall be a Department of Legislative Reference of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. The head of said department shall consist of a board composed of the Mayor of Baltimore, the City Solicitor, the president of the Johns Hopkins University, the president of the Municipal Art Society, and the president of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Baltimore City ; and the members of the said board shall serve without pay. The said board shall employ a competent statistician as its executive officer to organize and conduct the said department ; and the said executive officer shall hold office from the first day of January, 1907, during good behavior, and shall be subject to removal by said board, or a majority thereof, for incompetence or neglect of duty.

Duty of
executive
officer.

Section 208 B. It shall be the duty of said executive officer to investigate and report upon the laws of this and other States and cities relating to any subject upon which he may be requested to so report by the Mayor of Baltimore, any committee of the City Council or the head of any city department ; to accumulate all data obtainable in relation to the practical operation and effect of such laws ; to investigate and collect all available information relating to any matter which is the subject of proposed legislation by the General Assembly of Maryland or the City Council of Baltimore ; to examine Acts, ordinances and records of any State or city, and report the result thereof to the Mayor of