

to follow immediately after Sub-section (2) of Section 26 of said Article, and to add a new section to said Article, said new section to be known as Section 28A and to follow immediately after Section 28 of said Article, relating to vacancies in the membership of the Legislative Council, conferring certain additional powers upon the Legislative Council.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new sub-section be and it is hereby added to Section 26 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "General Assembly", sub-title "Legislative Council", said new Sub-section to be known as Sub-section (3), to follow immediately after Sub-section (2) of Section 26 of said Article, and to read as follows:

26. (3) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council while the General Assembly is not in session shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Senate from among the members of the Senate, if the vacancy is caused by the resignation or death of a member of the Council from the Senate, and by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, if the vacancy is caused by the resignation or death of a member of the Council from the House of Delegates, the appointments to be made in accordance with the provisions of Sub-sections (1) and (2). If the vacancy is caused by the resignation or death of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the vacancy shall be filled by the members of the Council from the membership of the Senate or the House of Delegates, as the case may be.

SEC. 1A. *And be it further enacted*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to said Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "General Assembly", sub-title "Legislative Council", said new section to be known as Section 28A, to follow immediately after Section 28 of said Article, and to read as follows:

28A. In the discharge of any of its functions or powers, the Council shall have the authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any papers, books, accounts, documents and testimony, and to cause the deposition of witnesses, residing either within or without the State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil actions in the circuit courts. In case of disobedience on the part of any person to comply with a subpoena issued in behalf of the Council, or on the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which