

diate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 167.

(Senate Bill 26)

AN ACT to create a Commission to Revise the Election Laws of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor shall appoint seven persons, who shall constitute a Commission to be known as the "Commission on the Revision of the Election Laws of Maryland", one of whom shall be a member of the State Senate, one a member of the House of Delegates and two members of the minority party. The members of said Commission shall serve without compensation other than the necessary traveling or other expenses incurred in attending meetings or performing duties incidental to the work of the Commission.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of said Commission to investigate thoroughly the entire subject of registration and elections in Maryland, with a view to eliminating duplications and non-essentials in the present law, and to simplify and clarify the law as much as possible.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Commission shall have power to appoint a Secretary and to engage such experts or other clerical assistants as may be required and at such compensation as such Commission shall determine, not to exceed the funds made available therefor. The Commission shall have authority to summon and examine witnesses, administer oaths, examine all public records and to call upon public officials and agencies to furnish information in their possession which may aid the said Commission in performing its duties; and it shall be the duty of public officials to co-operate in every way possible with the said Commission in making said study and investigation.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the expenses of the Commission shall be paid out of such funds as may be provided therefor in the State Budget.