

- (3) *All of the Melwood Election District (No. 15).*
- (4) *All of the Nottingham Election District (No. 4).*
- (5) (4) *All of the Brandywine Election District (No. 11).*
- (6) (5) *All of the Piscataway Election District (No. 5), not previously included within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District.*
- (7) *All of the Aquaseo Election District (No. 8).*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.*

Approved April 29, 1966.

CHAPTER 431

(House Bill 131)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 15 of Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," to provide that the General Assembly shall be empowered to set its own compensation, and providing for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be and it is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 15 of Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become part of the Constitution of Maryland:*

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 seventy days in each year; and on and after January 1, [1965] 1967 each member thereof shall receive [a compensation {of Twenty-four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00), per annum, payable quarterly, with a deduction of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) 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 officers of each House shall receive an additional compensation of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per annum.} *which shall be set from time to time by an Act of the General Assembly, including provisions for mileage, deductions for absentees and additional compensation for the presiding officers of each House* SUCH COMPENSATION AS SHALL BE PROVIDED BY LAW BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH SHALL NOT BE DIMINISHED OR REDUCED DURING ANY TERM OF OFFICE. 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