

building or public work or improvement of the State of Maryland, or of any county, city, municipal corporation, town, board of education or other political subdivision, public authority, or public instrumentality, or any officer, board, commission, or agency of any of the foregoing, is awarded to any person, he shall furnish to the State of Maryland, or to such county, city, municipal corporation, town, or other political subdivision, public authority, or public instrumentality, or to such officer, board, commission, or agency thereof, the following bonds which shall become binding upon the award of the contract to such person, who is hereinafter designated as "contractor":

(1) A performance bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in this State satisfactory to the public body awarding the contract, and in such amount as it shall deem adequate, for the protection of the public body.

(2) A payment bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in this State satisfactory to the public body for the protection of all persons supplying labor and materials to the contractor or his subcontractor in the prosecution of the work provided for in the contract for the use of each such person. The bond shall be in the amount not less than fifty per centum (50%) of the total amount payable by the terms of the contract. *Any contractor covered by such a bond shall not be required to furnish a waiver of mechanics' liens to the State.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved April 14, 1967.

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## CHAPTER 263

(House Bill 588)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 27 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Legislative Council," increasing the number of members who compose the Legislative Council of Maryland and making provision for the ex officio and other members of the Legislative Council.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 27 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Legislative Council," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

27.

There is hereby created a Legislative Council. Said Council shall be composed of [twenty] *thirty* members, as follows:

(1) From the Senate: The President, the chairman of the finance committee, the chairman of the judicial proceedings com-