

(f) The joint budget and audit committee, by general rule, shall establish requirements for the faithful attendance and perseverance of its members. The failure of any member to comply with these requirements shall be reported promptly to the President or the Speaker, as the case may be. Upon receiving such notification, the President or the Speaker forthwith shall notify the member that he is removed from the committee, and another person with the proper qualifications promptly shall be appointed in his place.

[(g) Members of the joint budget and audit committee shall receive per diem payments and compensation for expenses from Legislative Council funds and according to the amounts currently established for the Legislative Council and its committee, for each day spent in attendance at meetings of the committee or of subcommittees.]

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 29, 1971

CHAPTER 228

(Senate Bill 265)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 232 (12) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), as amended, title "~~Revenue and Taxes,~~" TITLE "REVENUE AND TAXES," SUBTITLE "STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION," to provide that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation shall report annually to the General Assembly its proceedings.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 232 (12) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "~~Revenue and Taxes,~~" SUBTITLE "STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(12) Conferences with Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer.—To confer with the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer of this State as to the administration of the tax laws, and to report [biennially] *annually* to the General Assembly its proceedings with recommendations for legislation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it is the intention of the General Assembly that the first annual report will be made by the Department as of January 1, 1973.