

the General Assembly. *In Washington County, all deputy clerks and other clerks shall be appointed pursuant to and be removable according to the merit system procedure established by law for these deputies and clerks.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next general election to be held in this State in November, 1972, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State; and at this general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon the ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment" as now provided by law, and, immediately, after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article 14 of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article 14.*

Approved May 26, 1972.

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CHAPTER 377

(House Bill 422)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 27 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Legislative Council," ~~to provide that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates be Co-chairmen of the Legislative Council.~~ TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING CERTAIN DECISIONS REGARDING APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO AND MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND APPROVAL OF ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 27 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Legislative Council," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*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 thirty members, as follows:

(1) From the Senate: The President, the chairman of the finance committee, the chairman of the judicial proceedings committee, the chairman of the committee on economic affairs, the floor leader of the minority party and ten additional members to be appointed by the President and approved by a majority vote of the Senate.

(2) From the House of Delegates: The Speaker, the chairman of the ways and means committee, the chairman of the judiciary