

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 27 of Article 40 - General Assembly, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 40 - General Assembly

27.

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

(1) The President, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND PUBLIC LAW COMMITTEE, 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]]~~ EIGHT additional members to be appointed by the President and approved by a majority vote of the Senate.

(2) The Speaker, the chairman of the ways and means committee, the chairman of the judiciary committee, the floor leader of the minority party and eleven additional members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and approved by a majority vote of the House.

Said ten appointees from the Senate and eleven from the House of Delegates shall be appointed during and after the 1967 Session of the General Assembly and during each regular session thereafter to serve until the beginning of the next regular session, or appointment of their successors. As far as possible, such appointment shall be so distributed as to make the Council representative of all sections of the State and of the relative party membership in each house. The President of the Senate shall be chairman of the Council, and the Speaker of the House shall be vice-chairman. The Director of the State Department of Legislative Reference shall be the secretary and the director of research of the Council.

(3) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council other than in the offices of chairman and vice-chairman while the General Assembly is not in session shall be filled by appointment of the President of the Senate from among the members of the Senate, if the vacancy is caused by the resignation or death of a