

**Article – State Government**

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(A) There is a Treasurer of the State, as provided in Article VI, § 1 of the Maryland Constitution.

(B) (1) DURING THE 1ST SESSION FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL MEET IN JOINT SESSION TO APPOINT THE TREASURER.

(2) IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT APPOINT SOMEONE TO THE OFFICE OF TREASURER AT THE TIME OF ITS 1ST JOINT SESSION TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF A TREASURER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL CONTINUE TO MEET IN JOINT SESSION ON A DAILY BASIS UNTIL A TREASURER IS APPOINTED.

(C) (1) THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TREASURER BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL BE DETERMINED BY A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE, SITTING JOINTLY.

(2) EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL HAVE 1 VOTE.

(3) THE CASTING OF BALLOTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TREASURER SHALL BE BY SECRET BALLOT.

(4) THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SITTING JOINTLY, SHALL DETERMINE ANY OTHER PROCEDURE NECESSARY FOR THE CASTING OF BALLOTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TREASURER.

(D) (1) IF 2 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY DESIGNATE A COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CANDIDATES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CASTING OF BALLOTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT.

(2) A COMMITTEE DESIGNATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CONSIST OF AN EQUAL NUMBER OF SENATORS AND DELEGATES.

(3) THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER ~~JOINTLY SHALL DESIGNATE COCHAIRMEN~~ SHALL EACH DESIGNATE A COCHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

(4) THE COMMITTEE MAY CONDUCT A PUBLIC MEETING AT WHICH TIME CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER SHALL PRESENT THEMSELVES.

(E) IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DESIGNATES A COMMITTEE UNDER SUBSECTION (E) (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMITTEE SHALL: