

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: George W. Della, President of the Senate.

VICE CHAIRMAN: John C. Luber, Speaker of the House.

## MEMBERS FROM THE SENATE:

Ex-officio Members: Omar D. Crothers, Jr., Chairman of Committee on Judicial Proceedings; Louis L. Goldstein, Chairman Finance Committee; Robert B. Kimble, Minority Floor Leader.

Appointed Members: Bernard S. Melnicove, David K. McLaughlin, James B. Monroe, Layman J. Redden, John Grason Turnbull, Edward Turner.

## MEMBERS FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES:

Ex-officio Members: A. Gordon Boone, Chairman Ways and Means Committee; Thomas F. Dempsey, Chairman Judiciary Committee; Anders R. Lofstrand, Jr., Minority Floor Leader.

Appointed Members: C. Ray Barnes, Melvin H. Derr, John F. McNulty, E. Layton Riggan, Jerome Robinson, E. Homer White, Jr.

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The Legislative Council was established by the General Assembly in 1939. The Council consists of twenty members, ten from the Senate and ten from the House of Delegates. The *President of the Senate*, the *Chairman of the Committee on Judicial Proceedings*, the *Chairman of the Finance Committee*, and the *Minority Floor Leader* are ex-officio members from the Senate. The *President of the Senate* appoints the remaining six members, at least two of whom shall be from the minority party; the appointments are subject to approval by majority vote of the Senate. The *Speaker of the House of Delegates*, the *Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee*, the *Chairman of the Judiciary Committee*, and the *Minority Floor Leader* are ex-officio members from the House. The *Speaker* appoints the remaining six members, at least two of whom shall be from the minority party; the appointments being subject to approval by majority vote of the House. The *President of the Senate* and the *Speaker of the House* serve as *Chairman* and *Vice Chairman* of the Council respectively.

The Council meets in the interim between the regular sessions of the General Assembly to study previously enacted laws, suggesting any necessary amendments thereto; to recommend a program of legislation in the form of proposed bills, and to study the rules of both Houses of the General Assembly and suggest such revisions as may be necessary to expedite the business of the Legislature. To carry out these functions, the Council receives recommendations from the various State agencies, bar associations, labor unions and other organized groups and private individuals. Hearings are held on legislative proposals and the Council may subpoena witnesses and records.