

of any duty or services whatsoever. In case of a vacancy in [either of] the [offices] OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER by death or otherwise, the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall fill such vacancy by appointment, to continue until another election [or a choice by the Legislature, as the case may be,] and until the qualification of the successor. IN CASE OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER BY DEATH OR OTHERWISE, THE DEPUTY TREASURER SHALL ACT AS TREASURER UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR OR EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE FOLLOWING THE CREATION OF THE VACANCY, WHEREUPON THE LEGISLATURE SHALL CHOOSE A SUCCESSOR TO SERVE FOR THE DURATION OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE. The Comptroller and the Treasurer shall keep their offices at the seat of government, and shall take such oaths, and enter into such bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties as are now, or may hereafter be prescribed by law.

## 6.

Whenever during the recess of the Legislature charges shall be preferred to the Governor against the Comptroller or Treasurer, for incompetency, malfeasance in office, willful neglect of duty, or misappropriation of the funds of the State, it shall be the duty of the Governor forthwith to notify the party so charged, and fix a day for a hearing of said charges; and if, IN THE CASE OF THE COMPTROLLER, from the evidence taken, under oath, on said hearing before the Governor, the said allegations shall be sustained, it shall be the duty of the Governor to remove [said offending officer,] THE COMPTROLLER and appoint another in his place, who shall hold the office for the unexpired term of the [officer] COMPTROLLER so removed. HOWEVER, IF, IN THE CASE OF THE TREASURER, FROM THE EVIDENCE TAKEN UNDER OATH IN THE HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNOR, THE ALLEGATIONS ARE SUSTAINED, IT IS THE DUTY OF THE GOVERNOR TO REMOVE THE TREASURER, AND THE [[DUPTY]] DEPUTY TREASURER SHALL ACT AS TREASURER UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR OR EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE FOLLOWING THE APPOINTMENT, WHEREUPON A SUCCESSOR SHALL BE CHOSEN BY THE LEGISLATURE WHO SHALL SERVE FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE TREASURER SO REMOVED.

SECTION 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, 1976, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this