

the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, and, being passed upon a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 297.

(Senate Bill 501)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 26 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "General Assembly", sub-title "Legislative Council", increasing the membership of the Legislative Council.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 26 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "General Assembly", sub-title "Legislative Council", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

26. There is hereby created a Legislative Council. Said Council shall be composed of twenty members, as follows: (1) From the Senate: the President, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Judicial Proceedings Committee, the Floor Leader of the minority party and six additional members, of whom at least two shall be members of the minority party, 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 Committee, the Floor Leader of the minority party and six additional members, of whom at least two shall be members of the minority party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and approved by a majority vote of the House.

Said six appointees from the Senate and six from the House of Delegates shall be appointed during the 1947 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 appointments shall be so distributed