

cle, providing for a Legislative Council, prescribing its membership, powers and duties, and providing for a Research Division of said Council.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That twelve new sections be and they are hereby added to the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "General Assembly", to be under a new subtitle "Legislative Council", said new Sections to be known as Sections 26 to 37, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 25 of said Article and to read as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

26. There is hereby created a Legislative Council. Said Council shall be composed of fourteen 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 three additional members, of whom at least one shall be a member 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 three additional members, of whom at least one shall be a member of the minority party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and approved by a majority vote of the House.

Said three appointees from the Senate and from the House of Delegates shall be appointed during the 1939 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 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 Department of Legislative Reference shall be the Secretary and the Director of Research of the Council.

27. It shall be the function of the Council

(1) To collect information concerning the government and general welfare of the State;

(2) To examine the operation of previously enacted legislation and of the common law and of the State Constitution and recommend amendments thereto;