

title "General Assembly", sub-title "Legislative Council", relating to the membership of the Legislative Council.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 27 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "General Assembly", sub-title "Legislative Council", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

27. Creation.

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 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] 1959 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.

(3) Filling vacancies.—Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council other than in the offices of chairman and vice-chairman while the General Assembly is not in session shall be filled by appointment of the President of the Senate from among the members of the Senate, if the vacancy is caused by the resignation or death of a member of the Council from the Senate, and by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, if the vacancy is caused by the resignation or death of a member of the Council from the House of Delegates, the appointments to be made in accordance with the provisions of subsections (1) and (2). If the vacancy in the membership of the Council is caused by the resignation or death of the chairman or vice-chairman, the vacancy in such membership shall be filled by the members of the Council from the membership of the Senate or the House of Delegates, as the case may be. In case of vacancy in the office of chairman, the vice-chairman shall become chairman and the members of the Council shall elect one of its members vice-chairman in his stead; and in the case of a vacancy