

mittee, *the chairman of the committee on economic affairs*, the floor leader of the minority party and **[six]** *ten* additional members 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]** *eleven* additional members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and approved by a majority vote of the House.

Said **[six]** *ten* appointees from the Senate and **[six]** *eleven* from the House of Delegates shall be appointed **[during the 1959]** *during and after the 1967* 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 appointment 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 State 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 subsection (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 in the office of both chairman and vice-chairman, the members of the Council shall elect one of its members chairman and one of its members vice-chairman.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect May 1, 1967.

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