

~~of~~ *the Railroad Retirement Act*, OR BOTH, AS THE CASE MAY BE.

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 ye 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 from the date of its passage.

Approved March 6, 1968.

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CHAPTER 2

(Senate Bill 7)

AN ACT to add a new Section 62 to Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "General Assembly," to follow immediately after Section 61 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Legislative Accounting Office," establishing the Legislative Accounting Office and providing generally for its powers, duties, functions and employees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 62 be and it is hereby added to Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "General Assembly," to follow immediately after Section 61 thereof, to be under the new subtitle "Legislative Accounting Office," and to read as follows:

*Legislative Accounting Office*

62.

(a) *The Legislative Accounting Office is established, and it is assigned to the Legislative Department as a staff agency of the General Assembly. It shall receive, analyze, account for, and provide for the payment of funds as reimbursement to members of the General Assembly from the budgetary program "General Legislative Expenses," for legislative expenses for year-round operation, for such expenses as office rent, secretarial and other services, telephone and other communication expenses, equipment, supplies, travel, and other similar items. The Legislative Accounting Office is under the general supervision and control of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland. From time to time it shall have such officers and employees as provided in the Budget and as established by the President and the Speaker.*

(b) *All officers and employees of the Legislative Accounting Office shall be appointed by joint action of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and shall be subject to removal by joint action of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates for cause upon due notice and with the right of hearing.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That as of the effective date of this Act a position of Principal Account Clerk II, hitherto temporarily in the service of the Legislative Accounting Office, becomes