

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$1,311,260	\$1,433,399
Staff: 87.		

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: William S. James, President of the Senate.
VICE CHAIRMAN: Thomas Hunter Lowe, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

MEMBERS FROM THE SENATE:

Ex officio members: George E. Snyder, Chairman, Finance Committee; J. Joseph Curran, Jr., Chairman, Committee on Judicial Proceedings; James A. Pine, Chairman, Committee on Economic Affairs; Edward T. Hall, Minority Floor Leader.

Appointed members: Joseph Bertorelli, James Clark, Jr., Edward T. Conroy, Jervis S. Finney, Julian L. Lapidés, Frederick C. Malkus, Jr., Mary L. Nock, Margaret C. Schweinhaut, Roy N. Staten, Verda Welcome.

MEMBERS FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES:

Ex officio members: John Hanson Briscoe, Chairman, Ways and Means Committee; Martin A. Kircher, Chairman, Judiciary Committee; C. A. Porter Hopkins, Minority Floor Leader.

Appointed members: John S. Arnick, Martin S. Becker, Arthur Dorman, John R. Hargreaves, William J. Helms, Jr., Lester V. Jones, John J. Kent, Jr., Arthur A. King, Charles J. Krysiak, C. Clifton Virts.

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The Legislative Council, established by the General Assembly in 1939, consists of thirty members, fifteen from the Senate and fifteen from the House of Delegates. The President of the Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Committee on Economic Affairs and the Minority Floor Leader are ex officio members from the Senate. The President of the Senate appoints the remaining ten members, and the appointments are subject to approval by majority vote of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and the Minority Floor Leader are ex officio members from the House. The Speaker appoints the remaining eleven members, and the appointments are subject to approval by majority vote of the House. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council respectively (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 40, sec. 27).

The Council meets in the interim between the regular sessions of the General Assembly to study previously enacted laws and suggest any necessary amendments thereto; to recommend a program of legislation in the form of proposed bills; and to study the rules of both Houses of the General Assembly and suggest revisions for expediting the business of the Legislature. The Council receives recommendations from the various State agencies, bar associations, labor unions, and other organized groups and private individuals. It holds hearings on legislative proposals and may subpoena witnesses and records.