

Subdistrict 13F: 1 Senator
14th Election District; Precincts 1-5, 8, 9, 23, 29-36 of the 15th
Election District.

Subdistrict 13G: 1 Senator
12th Election District.

A HISTORY OF THE DECEMBER, 1969 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of Maryland met in Special Session on December 16, 1969.

This session was called by the Governor to deal with the State's fiscal crisis. The main bills dealt with an emergency appropriation to meet the State shortage of construction funds, and elimination of the five percent limitation on rates of interest on State Bond issues.

There was also a bill introduced prohibiting the use of any game, lottery or other scheme by retail establishments to give away gifts or prizes for the purpose of promoting or advertising any product or service, regardless of a purchase being required. This bill was enacted over a veto by the Governor.

The remainder of the bills applied to individual counties.

A HISTORY OF THE 1970 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly met in regular session on January 21, 1970 and adjourned on March 31, 1970.

A total of 2,427 bills were introduced in 1970, of which 888 were Senate bills and 1,539 were House bills. Of the 888 Senate bills, 259 were passed by both Houses; of this latter number, 253 were signed by the Governor and 6 were vetoed. Of the 1,539 House bills introduced, 509 were passed by both Houses, and of this latter number, 488 were signed by the Governor and 21 were vetoed.

A total of 219 Joint Resolutions were introduced, 84 being in the Senate and 135 in the House. Of these, 31 Senate Joint Resolutions and 42 House Joint Resolutions were passed by both Houses. All 31 Senate Joint Resolutions were signed by the Governor, and 41 of the 42 House Joint Resolutions were signed.

The budget bill enacted at this session for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, amounted to \$1,540,038,787. The bond construction bill passed at this session was for a total of \$58,963,800.

Among the more important laws enacted were: A bill to provide protective measures to buyers making purchases in their homes, "Home Solicitation Act", a bill relating to regulations, offenses and penalties for substances classified as controlled dangerous substances, a bill to establish new penalties for violation of the State Drug Abuse Act, a bill to increase the number from 5 to 9 judges of the Court of Special Appeals, a bill to provide for the regulations of Credit Life and Health Insurance, a bill to control wetlands in the State by the Board of Public Works, and recodification of the Motor Vehicle Laws.

There was also a number of environmental bills involving water quality control, air quality control, sediment control, Statewide waste and disposal services.

Seven new departments were created under executive reorganization. They are: Economic and Community Development, Employment and Social Services, General Services, Licensing and Regulation, Personnel, Public Safety and Correctional Services, and Transportation.