

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1960.

Approved March 23, 1960.

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CHAPTER 71

(House Bill 117)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 54 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department", modifying the requirements for any county of this State to contract certain debts or obligations, and ~~submit~~ SUBMITTING this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, (Three-fifths of all Members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 54 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department", the same if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become Section 54 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland:

54.

No County of this State shall contract any debt, or obligation, in the construction of any Railroad, Canal, or other Work of Internal Improvement, nor give, or loan its credit to, or in aid of any association, or corporation, unless authorized by an Act of the General Assembly, [~~which shall be published for two months before the next election for members of the House of Delegates in the newspapers published in such County, and shall also be approved by a majority of all the members elected to each House of the General Assembly at its next session after said election~~] *and unless this SUCH Act is submitted to a referendum of the voters of the County and approved by a majority of those voting on the question.* ASSEMBLY.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be, at the next general election, to be held in this State in the year 1960, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment", as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election, due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said Article 14 of the Constitution.

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*  
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.