

legislative districting and apportionment of the State and may grant appropriate relief, if it finds that the districting and apportioning of the State is not consistent with requirements of either the Constitution of the United States of America or the Constitution of Maryland.

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A member of the General Assembly shall be elected by the registered voters of the legislative district from which he seeks election, to serve for a term of four years beginning on the second Wednesday of January following his election.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the foregoing sections hereby proposed as amendments to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next ensuing general election to be held in this State, shall be 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 amendments to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against the Constitutional Amendments" as now provided by law, and immediately after said election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendments, as directed by said Article 14 of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article 14.

Approved May 21, 1969.

CHAPTER 786

(House Bill 914)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland by the addition of a new Section 1A to Article XI-A, title "Local Legislation," to follow immediately after Section 1 thereof, establishing an alternate procedure for any county, to submit to its voters the question of adopting charter form of government, and providing for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* (three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article XI-A of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Local Legislation," by adding new Section 1A thereto, to follow immediately after Section 1 thereof, the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:

Article XI-A

1A.

The procedure provided in this section for adoption of a charter may be used in any county in lieu of the procedures provided in