

to enact local laws of said City or County including the power to repeal or amend local laws of said City or County enacted by the General Assembly, upon all matters covered by the express powers granted as above provided; provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or empower the County Council of any County in this State to enact laws or regulations for any incorporated town, village, or municipality in said County, on any matter covered by the powers granted to said town, village, or municipality by the Act incorporating it, or any subsequent Act or Acts amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that the charters for the various Counties shall specify the number of days, not to exceed forty-five, which may but need not be consecutive, that the County Council of the Counties may sit in each year for the purpose of enacting legislation for such Counties, and all legislation shall be enacted at the times so designated for that purpose in the charter, and *the title or a ~~fair~~ summary* of all laws and ordinances [so enacted] *proposed* shall be published once a week for [three] *two* successive weeks *prior to enactment followed by publication once after enactment* in at least one newspaper [published in such Counties] *of general circulation in the county*, so that the taxpayers and citizens may have notice thereof. *The validity of emergency legislation shall not be affected if enacted prior to the completion of advertising thereof.* [This provision] *These provisions concerning publication shall not apply to Baltimore City.* All such local laws enacted by the Mayor of Baltimore and City Council of the City of Baltimore or the Council of the Counties as hereinbefore provided, shall be subject to the same rules of interpretation as those now applicable to the Public Local Laws of this State, except that in case of any conflict between said local law and any Public General Law now or hereafter enacted the Public General Law shall control.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next general election to be held in this State in November 1972, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State; and at this general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution 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 provided by law, and, immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 372

(Senate Bill 3)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 34 of Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," ~~changing the taxing requirement for bills that create a State debt,~~