

referendum, as in this Article provided, the same shall be referred [by the Secretary of State] to [such] THE vote, and [shall] MAY not become a law or take effect until [thirty] 30 days after its approval by a majority of the electors voting [thereon] ON IT at the next ensuing election held throughout the State for Members of the House of Representatives of the United States. An emergency law shall remain in force notwithstanding [such] THE petition, but shall stand repealed [thirty] 30 days after having been rejected by a majority of the qualified electors voting [thereon; provided, however, that] ON IT. HOWEVER, [no] A measure creating or abolishing any office, or changing the salary, term or duty of any officer, or granting any franchise or special privilege, or creating any vested right or interest, [shall] MAY NOT be enacted as an emergency law. [No] A law making any appropriation for maintaining the State Government, or for maintaining or aiding any public institution, not exceeding the next previous appropriation for the same purpose, [shall be] IS NOT subject to rejection or repeal under this Section. The increase in any [such] appropriation for maintaining THE STATE GOVERNMENT OR FOR MAINTAINING or aiding any public institution shall only take effect as in the case of other laws, and [such] THE increase or any part [thereof] OF IT specified in the petition, may be referred to a vote of the people upon petition.]]

3.

(a) The referendum petition against an Act or part of an Act passed by the General Assembly, shall be sufficient if signed by three [per centum] PERCENT of the qualified voters of the State of Maryland, calculated upon the whole number of votes cast [therein] for Governor at the last preceding Gubernatorial election, of whom not more than half [shall be] ARE residents of Baltimore City, or of any one County[; provided that]. HOWEVER, any Public Local Law for any one County or the City of Baltimore, shall be referred by the Secretary of State [by the Secretary of State] only to the people of [said] THE County or City of Baltimore, upon a referendum petition of ten [per cent] PERCENT of the qualified voters of [said] THE County or City of Baltimore, as the case may be, calculated upon the whole number of votes cast [therein] respectively for Governor at the last preceding Gubernatorial election.

(b) If more than [one-half] ONE-THIRD, but less than the full number of signatures required to complete any [referendum] REFERENDUM petition against any law passed by the General Assembly, be filed with [Secretary of State] THE [[STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS]] Secretary of State before the first day of [June] [[JULY]] June, the time for the law to take effect[,] and for filing the remainder of signatures to complete the petition shall be extended to [the thirtieth day of the same month] [[JULY 15]] the thirtieth day of the same