

House Bill No. 446.

Introduced by Mr. Bryant (by Request).

Examined by Committee on Printed Bills:

Am. Kelloway
James Campbell

Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for
his approval this.....day of.....

APR 29 1916

at.....o'clock.....M.

A. Shumey

Chief Clerk.

CHAPTER 547.

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 44, Part VII, of Article IV, title "Sheriffs," of the Constitution of this State, making the incumbent of the office of Sheriff in the several Counties of the State eligible for re-election, fixing the term of office at four years and providing that the sheriff shall give such bond, exercise such powers and perform such duties in each of said counties as now or may hereafter be fixed by law; and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

1 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of*
2 *Maryland (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two*
3 *houses concurring), That the following be and the same is*
4 *hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 44, Part VII,*
5 *sub-title "Sheriffs" of Article IV of the Constitution of this*
6 *State, the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of*
7 *the State as herein provided, to become Section 44, Part VII,*
8 *of Article IV, sub-title "Sheriffs," of the Constitution of*
9 *Maryland."*

1 Section 44. There shall be elected in each County on the
2 Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November,
3 1917, and in every fourth year thereafter, on the Tuesday next
4 after the first Monday in the month of November, 1919, and
5 in every fourth year thereafter, one person, resident in said
6 County above the age of twenty-five years and at least five
7 years.....preceding his election, a citizen of
8 the State, to the office of Sheriff. He shall hold office for four
9 years, and until his successor is duly elected and qualified;
10 but shall not be eligible for re-election; The Sheriff elected in
11 each of the counties in November, 1915, shall, however, be
12 eligible for re-election for the next ensuing ~~year~~^{term}. The Sheriff
13 shall give such bond, exercise such powers and perform
14 such duties as now are or may hereafter be fixed by
15 law. In cases of a vacancy by death, resignation, refusal to
16 serve, or neglect to qualify, or to give bond, or by disqualifica-
17 tion, or removal from the County, the Governor shall appoint
18 a person to be Sheriff for the remainder of the official term.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority afore-*
2 *said,* That the foregoing Section hereby proposed as an
3 amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be at the
4 next ensuing general election being the presidential and con-
5 gressional election to be held on the Tuesday next after the
6 first Monday in November, 1916, submitted to the legal and
7 qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pur-
8 suance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Consti-
9 tution of this State, and at said General Election the vote on
10 the said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon such
11 ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional
12 Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment,"
13 as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election
14 due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and
15 against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said Arti-
16 cle 14 of this Constitution, and if it shall appear to the Gov-
17 ernor that the majority of the votes cast at said election on
18 said amendment were cast in favor thereof, the Governor shall

19 by his proclamation declare the said amendment, having re-
20 ceived the majority of votes, adopted by the people of Mary-
21 land as part of the Constitution thereof, and thenceforth said
22 amendment shall be part of said Constitution.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.

Filed May 17, 1916

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
*This act in the order of approval
is number _____*

