

## CHAPTER 42

(Senate Bill 95)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 22 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Executive Department", to provide that the salary of the Secretary of State may be fixed by the General Assembly of Maryland, that he shall not be required to reside at the Seat of Government and that office of Private Secretary shall thereafter cease, REMOVING A REFERENCE TO THE FORMER OFFICE OF PRIVATE SECRETARY and to submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Beit 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 it is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Executive Department", the same, if adopted by the qualified voters of the State, to become Section 22 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

22. **A Secretary of State shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall continue in office, unless sooner removed by the Governor, till the end of the official term of the Governor from whom he received his appointment, and receive an annual salary of Two Thousand Dollars, or such**

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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.

*annual salary as the General Assembly may from time to time by law prescribe,* [and shall reside at the Seat of Government; and the office of Private Secretary shall thenceforth cease.]

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 1954, 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 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 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.

Approved March 12, 1954.

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