

In conclusion, the undersigned desire to present for the reconsideration of the House, joint resolutions providing for submitting to the *registered* voters of the State the question as to whether or not the obnoxious clause of the Constitution shall be repealed. We cannot doubt but that, when considering the severe tests of loyalty which those voters have undergone, the gentlemen of the majority will be willing to commit into their hands the ultimate decision of the question.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS, PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of the members elected to both Houses concurring.) That the Constitution be, and is hereby amended by striking out the fourth section of article first of the Constitution, and inserting, in lieu thereof the following, as the fourth section of article first of the Constitution :

Section 4. Every white male citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, who has resided, or will have resided in this State one year next preceding the election succeeding the date of his registry, and six months in the county or legislative district of Baltimore city in which he applies for registration, shall be entitled to vote and to be registered as a legal and qualified voter, unless otherwise disqualified by his Constitution; provided he shall take and subscribe before the officer or officers of registration the following oath :

“I do swear (or affirm) that I will bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the constitution and laws thereof, and that I will bear true allegiance to the United States and support, protect and defend the constitution, laws and Government thereof, as the supreme law of the land, any law or ordinance of this or any State to the contrary notwithstanding; and I do further swear (or affirm) that I will, to the best of my abilities, protect and defend the Union of the United States, and not allow the same to be broken up and dissolved, or the Government thereof to be destroyed, under any circumstances, if in my power to prevent it, and that I will at all times discountenance and oppose all combinations having for their object such dissolution or destruction.”

And any person declining to take such oath shall not be registered or permitted to vote.

2 Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of the members elected to both Houses concurring.) That