

SEC. 6. The power heretofore conferred upon the General Assembly to prescribe the number, compensation, powers and duties of the County Commissioners in each county, and the power to make changes in Sections 1 to 6, inclusive, Article XI of this Constitution, when expressly granted as hereinbefore provided, are hereby transferred to the voters of each county and the voters of the City of Baltimore, respectively, provided that said powers so transferred shall be exercised only by the adoption or amendment of a charter as hereinbefore provided; and provided further, that this Article shall not be construed to authorize the exercise of any powers in excess of those conferred by the Legislature upon said counties or city as this Article sets forth.

SEC. 7. The word "Petition," as used in this Article, means one or more sheets written or printed or partly written and partly printed; "Signature" means the signature of a registered voter written by himself in his own handwriting (and not by his mark), together with the ward or district and precinct in which he is registered. The authenticity of such signatures and the fact that the persons so signing are registered voters shall be evidence by the affidavit of one or more registered voters of the city or county in which said voters so signing are registered, and one affidavit may apply to or cover any number of signatures to such petition. The false signing of any name, or the signing of any fictitious name to said petitions shall be forgery, and the making of any false affidavit in connection with said petition shall be perjury.

ARTICLE XI-B.

BALTIMORE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

*SECTION 1. The General Assembly of Maryland, by public local law, may authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to create a Baltimore Redevelopment Commission. Any public local law authorizing the creation of the Baltimore Redevelopment Commission shall contain the following provisions:

(a) The Baltimore Redevelopment Commission shall come into being only when the City Council of Baltimore shall pass a resolution that there is need for the establishment of such a Commission in the City of Baltimore. When the City Council of Baltimore adopts such a resolution, it shall promptly notify the Mayor of Baltimore City of such adoption. Upon receiving such notice and approving said resolution, the Mayor shall appoint five persons (or such additional number of persons as the General Assembly may provide in said public local law), as Commissioners of the Baltimore Redevelopment Commis-

* Thus amended by Chapter 649, of the Acts of 1943 and ratified by the people in November, 1944.