

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF MARYLAND

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To be submitted to the voters for ratification or rejection at the General Election to be held in November, 1954.

CHAPTER NO. 480

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 1A of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Elective Franchise", authorizing the General Assembly to provide by suitable enactment for voting by qualified voters of the State of Maryland who are absent at the time of any election from the ward or election district in which they are entitled to vote and providing for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following amendment be and it is hereby proposed to Section 1A of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Elective Franchise", the same, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become Section 1A of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

1A. The General Assembly of Maryland shall have power to provide by suitable enactment for voting by qualified voters of the State of Maryland who are absent [and engaged in the Military or Naval Service of the United States] at the time of any election from the ward or election district in which they are entitled to vote, and for the manner in which and the time and place at which such absent voters may vote, and for the canvass and return of their votes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the foregoing section, hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State, shall, at the election to be held in November 1954, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and at the said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitu-