

<sup>1</sup>SEC. 3. All State and county officers elected by the qualified voters shall hold office for terms of four years.

<sup>1</sup>SEC. 4. All officers to be appointed by the Governor shall hold office for the terms fixed by law. All officers appointed by County Commissioners shall hold office for terms of four years, unless otherwise duly changed by law.

<sup>2</sup>SEC. 5. Vacant.

<sup>2</sup>SEC. 6. Vacant.

<sup>2</sup>SEC. 7. Vacant.

SEC. 8. The terms of the members of the Board of Supervisors of elections of Baltimore City and of the several counties shall commence on the first Monday of June next ensuing their appointment.

<sup>2</sup>SEC. 9. Vacant.

<sup>2</sup>SEC. 10. Vacant.

SEC. 11. The purpose of this Article is to reduce the number of elections, by providing that all State and county elections shall be held only in every fourth year, and at the time now provided by law for holding congressional elections; and to bring the terms of appointive officers into harmony with the changes effected in the time of the beginning of the terms of elective officers; and the administrative and judicial officers of the State shall construe the provisions of this Article so as to effectuate that purpose. For the purpose of this Article only the word "officers" shall be construed to include those holding positions and other places of employment in the State and county governments whose terms are fixed by law, but it shall not include any appointments made by the Board of Public Works, nor appointments by the Governor for terms of three years.

<sup>2</sup>SEC. 12. Vacant.

SEC. 13. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Article and any of the other provisions of the Constitution, the provisions of this Article shall prevail, and all other provisions shall be repealed or abrogated to the extent of such inconsistency.

#### VOTE ON THE CONSTITUTION.

For the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the people of this State, in regard to the adoption, or rejection of this

<sup>1</sup> Thus amended by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, ratified November 6, 1956.

<sup>2</sup> Repealed by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, ratified November 6, 1956.