

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND

Acts of 1969 to be submitted to the voters for ratification or rejection at the General Election to be held in November 1970.

It should be noted the Court of Appeals ruled in June 1969 that the Proposed Amendments approved by the General Assembly at the 1969 Regular Session could not be submitted to the voters until the General Election of 1970, even though Chapter 76, Acts of 1969 had proposed a general election to be held on November 4, 1969 to adopt or reject the proposed amendments.

CHAPTER 784

(House Bill 13)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, to amend Section 1 of Article I, title "Elective Franchise," to amend the Constitution of Maryland to change the period of residence required of residents of the State to vote, to provide that for purposes of voting for President and Vice-President of the United States or for electors for those offices, the General Assembly may prescribe by law a lesser residence requirement for citizens who have resided in this State for less than six months and to provide for the submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of the State for their 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 be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 1 of Article I, title "Elective Franchise," of the Constitution of Maryland, the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:*

ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. All elections shall be by ballot; and every citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, or upwards, who has been a resident of the State for six months, and of the Legislative District of Baltimore city, or of the county, in which he may offer to vote, as of the time for the closing of registration next preceding the elec-