

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 Article 7 of the Declaration of Rights 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 7.

That the right of the People to participate in the Legislature is the best security of liberty and the foundation of all free Government; for this purpose, elections ought to be free and frequent; and every citizen having the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution, ought to have the right of suffrage.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the foregoing Article hereby proposed as an amendment to the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of Maryland, at the next general election to be held in this State in November 1972, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State; and at this general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against the Constitutional Amendments" as now provided by law, and, immediately, after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article 14 of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article 14.*

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CHAPTER 358

(House Bill 174)

AN ACT to propose a new Section 3A to Article XI-A of the Constitution, title "Local Legislation," to follow immediately after Section 3 thereof, to provide for the election of a county council for Baltimore County by councilmanic districts, or by the voters of the entire county, or by a combination of these methods of election, and providing for the submission of this amendment to the qualified