

requirements for a balanced budget, requiring that the budget bill as submitted by the Governor, supplemented by the Governor, and amended by the General Assembly contain proposed appropriations not in excess of total estimated revenues, relating generally to the contents and totals in the budget bill, and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State 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 section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 52 of Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:*

(5A) The Budget and the Budget Bill as submitted by the Governor to the General Assembly shall have a figure for the total of all proposed appropriations and a figure for the total of all estimated revenues available to pay the appropriations, and the figure for total proposed appropriations shall not exceed the figure for total estimated revenues. Neither the Governor in submitting an amendment or supplement to the Budget Bill nor the General Assembly in amending the Budget Bill shall thereby cause the figure for total proposed appropriations to exceed the figure for total estimated revenues, including any revisions and in the Budget Bill as enacted the figure for total estimated revenues always shall be equal to or exceed the figure for total appropriations.

*SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next general election to be held in this State in November 1974, 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 the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment" as now prescribed by law, and, immediately after said election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said Article 14 of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article 14.*

Approved, May 24, 1973.