

bar the voter from expressing his choice among the nominees for said board, and if the majority of the votes cast for and against the creation of said charter board shall be against said creation the election of the members of said charter board shall be void; but if such majority shall be in favor of the creation of said charter board, then and in that event the eleven nominees of the City of Baltimore or five nominees in the County receiving the largest number of votes shall constitute the charter board, and said charter board, or a majority thereof, shall prepare within six months from the date of said election a charter or form of government for said city or such county and present the same to the Mayor of Baltimore or President of the Board of County Commissioners of such county, who shall publish the same in at least two newspapers of general circulation published in said the City of Baltimore or County within thirty days after it shall be reported to him. Such charter shall be submitted to the voters of said City or County at the next general or congressional election after the report of said charter to said Mayor of Baltimore or President of the Board of County Commissioners; and if a majority of the votes cast for and against the adoption of said charter shall be in favor of such adoption, the said charter from and after the thirtieth days from the date of such election shall become the law of said City or County, subject only to the Constitution and Public General Laws of this State, and any public local laws inconsistent with the provisions of said charter and any former charter of said the City of Baltimore or County shall be thereby repealed.

Baltimore city charter adopted under this article, upheld. Provision of this article as to the newspapers in which the charter was to be published not so far mandatory as to render the charter after its adoption subject to attack on that ground, in the absence of proof that the failure to comply strictly with the constitutional provision affected the vote on the adoption of the charter. Charter held to have been submitted to the *qualified* voters of the city. Amendment of the charter held not to be in excess of the power conferred by this article. Taxation of property in section annexed to Baltimore city by act of 1888. *Williams v. Broening*, 135 Md. 229; *Jones v. Broening*, 135 Md. 239.

Extract from answer of Baltimore city to suit for refund under the act of 1920, ch. 431, of unused liquor license, relying upon this article, quoted. *Engel v. Baltimore*, 140 Md. 288.

Intent and scope of this article not involved—see notes to art. 27, sec. 483. *Levering v. Supervisors of Elections*, 137 Md. 290.

See art. 25A, An. Code.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly at its first session after the adoption of this amendment shall by public general law provide a grant of express powers for such County or Counties as may thereafter form a charter under the provisions of this Article. Such express powers granted to the Counties and the powers heretofore granted to the City of Baltimore, as set forth in Article 4, Section 6, Public Local Laws of Maryland, shall not be enlarged or extended by any charter formed under the provisions of this Article, but such powers may be extended, modified, amended or repealed by the General Assembly.

See notes to sec. 1.