

qualification of his successor; except that when a vacancy shall exist in the office of Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the Governor may designate an Associate Judge of said Supreme Bench as Chief Judge of said Supreme Bench, and such appointee as Chief Judge shall hold such office for the residue of the term for which he was last elected an Associate Judge of said Supreme Bench. His successor shall be elected at the first biennial general election for Representatives in Congress after the expiration of the term of fifteen years (if the vacancy occurred in that way) or the first such general election after one year after the occurrence of the vacancy in any other way than through expiration of such term. Except in case of reappointment of a judge upon expiration of his term of fifteen years, no person shall be appointed who will become disqualified by reason of age and thereby unable to continue to hold office until the prescribed time when his successor would have been elected.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland shall, at the next general election to be held in November, 1946, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, 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 provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the said proposed amendment, as directed by said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article Fourteen.

Approved April 23, 1945.

CHAPTER 704.

(Senate Bill 40)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1 and 2 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Roads", relating to the term of office and duties of members of the State Roads Commission.