

cil of the County, and all references in the Constitution and laws of this State to the Mayor of Baltimore and City Council of the City of Baltimore or to the County Commissioners of the Counties, shall be construed to refer to the Mayor of Baltimore and City Council of the City of Baltimore and to the President and County Council herein provided for whenever such construction would be reasonable. From and after the adoption of a charter by the City of Baltimore, or any County of this State, as hereinbefore provided, the Mayor of Baltimore and City Council of the City of Baltimore or the County Council of said County, subject to the Constitution and Public General Laws of this State, shall have full power to enact local laws of said City or County including the power to repeal or amend local laws of said City or County enacted by the General Assembly, upon all matters covered by the express powers granted as above provided; provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or empower the County Council of any County in this State to enact laws or regulations for any incorporated town, village, or municipality in said County, on any matter covered by the powers granted to said town, village, or municipality by the Act incorporating it, or any subsequent Act or Acts amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that the charters for the various Counties shall **[provide]** *specify the number of days, not to exceed forty-five, which may but need not be consecutive*, that the County Council of the Counties **[shall not]** *may sit [more than one month]* in each year for the purpose of enacting legislation for such Counties, and all legislation shall be enacted **[during the month]** *at the times* so designated for that purpose in the charter, and ~~the titles of~~ all laws and ordinances so enacted shall be published once a week for **[three]** ~~two~~ successive weeks in at least one newspaper published in such Counties, so that the taxpayers and citizens may have notice thereof. This provision shall not apply to Baltimore City. All such local laws enacted by the Mayor of Baltimore and City Council of the City of Baltimore or the Council of the Counties as hereinbefore provided, shall be subject to the same rules of interpretation as those now applicable to the Public Local Laws of this State, except that in case of any conflict between said local law and any Public General Law now or hereafter enacted the Public General Law shall control.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the foregoing amendment to Article XIA, title "Local Legislation", Section 3, hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, shall, at the election to be held in November, 1956, be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of Maryland, and at the said general election the vote on the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For Constitutional Amendment" and "Against 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 said proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article XIV.

Approved April 25, 1955.