

month, with like effect. [[IF AN ACT IS ENACTED LESS THAN 45 DAYS PRIOR TO [[JULY]] JUNE 1, THE FIRST ONE-THIRD OF THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES TO A PETITION TO BRING THIS ACT TO REFERENDUM MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE [[STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS]] SECRETARY OF STATE WITHIN [[45]] 30 DAYS AFTER ITS ENACTMENT; THE REMAINING SIGNATURES MAY BE SUBMITTED WITHIN [[90]] 60 DAYS AFTER ENACTMENT; THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH A PETITIONED ACT OR PART OF AN ACT SHALL BE 46 DAYS AFTER ITS ENACTMENT.]]

IF AN ACT IS PASSED LESS THAN 45 DAYS PRIOR TO JUNE 1, IT MAY NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE SOONER THAN 31 DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE. TO BRING THIS ACT TO REFERENDUM, THE FIRST ONE-THIRD OF THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES TO A PETITION SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE. IF THE FIRST ONE-THIRD OF THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES IS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE, THE TIME FOR THE ACT TO TAKE EFFECT AND FOR FILING THE REMAINDER OF THE SIGNATURES TO COMPLETE THE PETITION SHALL BE EXTENDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS.

(C) IN THIS ARTICLE, "PASS" OR "PASSED" MEANS ANY FINAL ACTION UPON ANY ACT OR PART OF AN ACT BY BOTH HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND "ENACT" OR "ENACTED" MEANS APPROVAL OF AN ACT OR PART OF AN ACT BY THE GOVERNOR.

(D) SIGNATURES ON A PETITION FOR REFERENDUM ON AN ACT OR PART OF AN ACT MAY BE SIGNED AT ANY TIME AFTER THE ACT OR PART OF AN ACT IS PASSED.

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A petition may consist of several papers, but each paper shall contain [[the full text]] the full text, OR AN ACCURATE SUMMARY[[, ]] APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, of the Act or part of Act petitioned upon[; and there]. THERE shall be attached to each [such] paper OF SIGNATURES FILED WITH A PETITION an affidavit of the person procuring the signatures [thereon] ON SUCH PAPER that of the [said] person's [own personal knowledge] BEST KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF every signature [thereon] ON IT is genuine and bona fide, and that the signers are registered voters of the State of Maryland, and of the City of Baltimore, or County, as the case may be, as set opposite their names[, and no other verification shall be required]. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PRESCRIBE BY LAW THE FORM OF THE PETITION FOR REFERENDUM, THE MANNER FOR VERIFYING THE AUTHENTICITY OF PETITIONS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NECESSARY AND NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ARTICLE[[, WITH DUE CARE TO IMPOSING NO HINDRANCE TO THE OPPORTUNITY OF QUALIFIED VOTERS TO SIGN THE PETITION]].

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