

to provide by law a temporary replacement for any elected or appointed officer of the State who is unavailable to perform the duties of his office because ~~he is rendered~~ has become unable, or is or will be absent; providing for certain codification; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an addition to the Constitution of Maryland

Article XV - Miscellaneous
Section 8

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elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That it be proposed that section(s) of the Constitution of Maryland be repealed, amended, or added to read as follows:

Article XV - Miscellaneous

8.

~~EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS CONSTITUTION~~
~~EXCEPT AS THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDES OTHERWISE FOR ANY~~
~~OFFICE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY PROVIDE BY LAW FOR A PERSON~~
~~TO ACT IN PLACE OF ANY ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICER OF THE~~
~~STATE WHO IS UNAVAILABLE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE~~
~~BECAUSE HE IS RENDERED~~ HAS BECOME UNABLE, OR IS OR WILL BE
ABSENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That should the voters of Maryland approve Chapter 681 of 1977, a Constitutional Amendment which rearranges a number of provisions of the Constitution of Maryland, this enactment shall be designated as Section 5 of Article XV.

SECTION 3. 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, 1978, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against the Constitutional Amendments," as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.

Approved May 29, 1978.