

of the vacating member's election to office; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland

Article III - Legislative Department  
Section 13(a)

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 the Constitution of Maryland read as follows:

Article III - Legislative Department

13.

(a) (1) In case of death, disqualification, resignation, refusal to act, expulsion, or removal from the county or city for which he shall have been elected, of any person who shall have been chosen as a Delegate or Senator, or in case of a tie between two or more such qualified persons, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy from a person whose name shall be submitted to him in writing, within thirty days after the occurrence of the vacancy, by the Central Committee of the political party, IF ANY, with which the Delegate or Senator, so vacating, had been affiliated, AT THE TIME OF THE LAST ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF THE VACATING SENATOR OR DELEGATE, in the County or District from which he or she was APPOINTED OR elected, provided that the appointee shall be of the same political party, IF ANY, as WAS THAT OF the [person] DELEGATE OR SENATOR, whose office is to be filled, AT THE TIME OF THE LAST ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF THE VACATING DELEGATE OR SENATOR - 7 - 1, and it shall be the duty of the Governor to make said appointment within fifteen days after the submission thereof to him.

(2) If a name is not submitted by the Central Committee within thirty days after the occurrence of the vacancy, the Governor within another period of fifteen days shall appoint a person, who shall be of AFFILIATED WITH the same political party, IF ANY as WAS THAT OF the [person] DELEGATE OR SENATOR, whose office is to be filled, AT THE TIME OF THE LAST ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF THE VACATING DELEGATE OR SENATOR, and who is otherwise properly qualified to hold the office of Delegate or Senator in the District or County.

(3) In the event there is no Central Committee in the County or District from which said vacancy is to be filled, the Governor shall within fifteen days after the occurrence of such vacancy appoint a person, FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY, IF ANY, AS THAT OF THE VACATING DELEGATE OR SENATOR, AT THE TIME OF THE LAST ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF THE VACATING SENATOR OR DELEGATE.