

**CHAPTER 82**

**(House Bill 906)**

AN ACT concerning

**Harford County – County Council – Election**

FOR the purpose of amending the Constitution to eliminate a requirement that the Charter of Harford County provide for the election of county council members by the voters of the entire County; 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 XI–A – Local Legislation

Section 3A

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 XI–A – Local Legislation**

3A.

[(a)]The charter for the government of any county governed by the provisions of this Article may provide for the election of members of the county council by the voters of councilmanic districts therein established, or by the voters of the entire county, or by a combination of these methods of election.

[(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the Charter for the government of Harford County under the provisions of this Article, either as adopted, or by amendment, shall provide for the election of members of the County Council by the voters of the entire county.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly determines that the amendment to the Constitution of Maryland proposed by this Act affects only one county and that the provisions of Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments apply.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in November, 1996 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.