

WHEREAS, By Chapter 741 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1910, a primary election law was enacted applicable to the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, The said Act provided among other things for a referendum to the voters of Howard County submitting the question of whether or not the voters of said County desired direct primaries or a convention system for the nomination of State Senator, Members of the House of Delegates and County Officers in Howard County..

WHEREAS, The said proposition was submitted to the voters of Howard County on the 29th day of August, 1911, and there was cast 1,532 votes for the Convention System and 561 votes for the direct nomination system.

WHEREAS, Since said result Delegates to the County Convention of Howard County have been elected by the voters of Howard County from the several election districts under the provisions of the Act above referred to, and nominees for State Senator, Members of the House of Delegates and County Officers have been selected by the delegates elected to said County Convention.

WHEREAS, The present representatives in the General Assembly of Maryland from Howard County believe that there exists a demand from a sufficient number of bona fide voters of Howard County to justify the resubmission of said proposition, and the said representatives believing in the rule of the people, desire that the proposition be resubmitted to the qualified voters for their determination at an election to be hereafter held in Howard County; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 160-A, of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Elections," sub-title "Primary Elections," as said Section was enacted by Chapter 134 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1912, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

SEC. 160-A. Political parties which at the General Elections held on November 2, 1909, in the State of Maryland, or which at any future general election next preceding any primary election to be held hereunder, as shall have polled ten per cent. of the entire vote cast in the State at such or any such general election, shall hereafter nominate all their candidates for public