Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City or any of the counties, as the case may be unless all of the signatures attached to any such petition shall have been written thereon by the signers within six months of the date when such petition is laid before the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City or any of the counties, as the case may be. In signing any petition in accordance with the manner prescribed in Section 7 of said Article XIA of the Constitution, every signer thereto shall place to the right of his or her name as and when signed, the date of such signature in his or her own handwriting, and no action thereon shall be taken by any Board of Supervisors of Elections unless the petition is filed within six month of the date of the first signature.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect from and after June 1st, 1922.

Approved April 13th, 1922.

## CHAPTER 448.

AN ACT to provide suitable recognition for those residents of Maryland who served in the Army and Navy of the United States during the war with Germany, to authorize the creation of a state debt not to exceed \$9,000,000 for this purpose and to provide for the levying of taxes for paying interest on said debt and for the redemption of said debt, and providing for a referendum thereon.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in order to promote the spirit of patriotism and loyalty, in testimony of the gratitude of the commonwealth and in recognition of the services of certain residents of Maryland to the ful extent of the demand made upon them and their opportunity in the Army and Navy of the United States during the War with Germany, the payments hereinafter specified are hereby authorized.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That upon applications as hereinafter provided there shall be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of the State to each commissioned officer, enlisted man, field clerk, army and navy nurse duly recognized as such by the War and Navy Department who was mustered into Federal Service and reported for active duty subsequent to March