

## CHAPTER 543.

AN ACT to grant Worcester County Home Rule as to the holding of any party conventions in lieu of primary elections, by providing for a Referendum and to provide that Section 190 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Elections," sub-title "Primary Elections," shall be repealed in so far as said sections are inconsistent with the terms of this Act; and to provide for the time when and the conditions under which such repeal shall take effect.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That notwithstanding any provision of any Public General or Public Local Laws, and in furtherance of the principle of Home Rule, candidates for county officers, State Senate and members of the House of Delegates shall be selected in Worcester County by county convention, and the nomination of such candidates by such convention, shall be duly certified by the Chairman and Secretary of such convention not less than twenty days before the date of the general election to the Board of Election Supervisors of said county; and it shall be the duty of said Supervisors to place the name of such candidates upon the official ballots in the manner prescribed by the general election laws of this State.

Candidates for delegate to the party convention shall file their candidacies in the same manner as though they were the candidates for nomination of a political party at a primary election. Each election district shall be entitled to one delegate for each two hundred registered voters or fraction thereof above one hundred in the said district. There shall be at least two delegates for every election district. In the event that no more than the allotted number shall file their candidacy in any election district in Worcester County for delegate to the convention of any political party, no election shall be held; however, in the event that more than the allotted number of delegates shall have filed their certificates of candidacy in any election district, then an election shall be held exactly as in the case of a primary election and the candidates, totalling the allotted number, receiving the highest number of votes, shall be declared delegates to the county convention of their party. The time and place of holding the party conventions and the procedure therein shall be in the discretion of the State Central Committee of each political party.