

CHAPTER 702

(House Bill 523)

AN ACT to add eight new sections to the Charter of the City of Cumberland (1950 Edition, being Article 1A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "City of Cumberland," said new sections to be known as Sections 215 to 222, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 214 of said Charter and to be under the new sub-title "Charter Amendments," authorizing the City of Cumberland by public referendum to amend its Charter and relating generally to the procedures and requirements for such amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That eight new sections be and they are hereby added to the Charter of the City of Cumberland (1950 Edition, being Article 1A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "City of Cumberland," said new sections to be known as Sections 215 to 222, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 214 of said Charter and to be under the new sub-title "Charter Amendments," and all to read as follows:

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

215. *(Authorized.) Amendments to this Charter may be made by proposal and approval within the City of Cumberland as hereinafter provided. Charter amendments may add a new section or sections to the Charter, repeal a section or sections of the Charter, or amend a section or sections of the Charter. Provided, however, that this sub-title shall not be construed to authorize any Charter amendment which would abolish the Civil Service or Merit System in operation in the City of Cumberland as of January 1, 1951, or which would provide that any positions or types of employment covered by said Civil Service or Merit System as of January 1, 1951, should no longer be included therein.*

216. *(Proposal by Mayor and City Council.) Amendments may be proposed by a majority vote of all the members of the Mayor and City Council. The ordinance proposing an amendment shall provide for an expression of the will of the qualified voters at a special or the next succeeding municipal general election.*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.