

respectively, as Section 104-33 of the Montgomery County Code, and Section 1324A of the Prince George's County Code, to follow immediately after Sections 104-32 and 1324, respectively, authorizing the registered voters of Takoma Park to approve or disapprove amendments to the Charter of the City of Takoma Park presented by the Council of Takoma Park, and providing for a referendum thereon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to the Montgomery County Code (1950 Edition), being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, and to the Prince George's County Code (1943 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, titles "Montgomery County" and "Prince George's County", sub-titles "Takoma Park", said new section to be known, respectively, as Section 104-33 of the Montgomery County Code and Section 1324A of the Prince George's County Code, to follow immediately after Sections 104-32 and 1324, respectively, and to read as follows:

*104-33 (1324A). Amendments to this Charter may be made by the registered voters of the City as provided in this section, except that no such amendment shall affect this section or Section 104-2 (1293). Amendments may be proposed at any time by the Council, or by a petition signed by 15% or more of the registered voters of the City within a period of six months. The Council shall by ordinance (1) prescribe the form for such petitions, which must show the date of each signature, (2) provide for checking the names on the petition against the lists of voters registered by the respective Boards of Election Supervisors, and (3) require the deposit with the City Treasurer of the estimated cost of checking the names, which deposit shall be returned if it is found that the petition has been signed within a period of six months by a number of registered voters not less than 15% of the number of names on the most recent lists certified to the City by the Board of Election Supervisors of the two counties. Any amendment proposed by the Council, or by the number of registered voters specified in the preceding sentence, shall be submitted to the registered voters of the City at the next general or special municipal election to be held not less than 60 days thereafter; provided, that if no such election is to be held within three months, the Council may call a special election for this purpose. The Council may submit an alternative proposal to be voted on at the same election as any proposal submitted by petition; and such alternative*