

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this Act shall apply only where the offense upon which a conviction calling for capital punishment is based, shall occur on or after June 1, 1955.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, ~~1955~~. 1956.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 626

Adopted

(House Bill 89)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 11 of Article 2 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Executive Department", providing that recess appointments of civil officers of the State shall be returned on the first day of the next REGULAR session of the Senate of Maryland for its adoption or rejection; and providing that this amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, (Three-fifths of all members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following amendment be and it is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 11 of Article 2 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Executive Department", the same, if adopted by the qualified voters of the State, to become Section 11 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland:

11. In case of any vacancy during the recess of the Senate, in any office which the Governor has power to fill, he shall appoint some suitable person to said office, whose commission shall continue in force until the end of the next session of the Legislature, or until some other person is appointed to the same office, whichever shall first occur; and the nomination of the person thus appointed during the recess, or of some other person in his place, shall be made to the Senate **[within thirty days after the next meeting of the Legislature.]** *on the first day of the next regular or special meeting of the Senate.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That said foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland shall, at the next general election to be held in November, 1956, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and at the said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment", and "Against the Constitutional Amendment", as now provided by law, and im-

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.