

## HOME RULE CLASSIFICATION

10. (*Classification of Municipal Corporations.*) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland, requiring the General Assembly to group the several municipal corporations in this State into not more than four classes based upon population, the General Assembly hereby declares that there is one class of such municipal corporations. Every municipal corporation in this State, ~~having an effective charter granted either by the General Assembly or pursuant to the provisions of Article 11E of the Constitution, shall be taken and considered as a member of that class~~ AS DEFINED BY SECTION 9 ABOVE, SHALL BE TAKEN AND CONSIDERED AS A MEMBER OF THAT CLASS, and as subject to the constitutional and statutory laws applicable thereto.

## CHARTER AMENDMENTS

11. (*Applicability.*) Every municipal corporation in this State shall proceed as in this sub-heading provided in exercising and applying the powers for the amendment of municipal charters which are granted thereto by Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland.

12. (*Initiation of Amendments.*) An amendment of a municipal charter may be initiated by the legislative body of the municipal corporation or by a petition of ~~registered~~ QUALIFIED voters of the municipal corporation.

13. (*Initiation by Legislative Body.*) The legislative body of the municipal corporation, by whatever name known, may initiate a proposed amendment or amendments to the municipal charter, by a resolution ordained or passed as in the usual course of considering resolutions in the government of the municipal corporation, by a majority of all the persons elected to the legislative body. The resolution shall contain the complete and exact wording of the proposed amendment or amendments. The mayor or other chief executive officer of the municipal corporation, by whatever name known, shall give notice by posting and publication of any resolution which proposes an amendment or amendments to the municipal charter. A complete and exact copy of the resolution containing the proposed amendment or amendments shall be posted at the town hall or other main municipal building or public place for a period of at least forty days following its adoption, or the posted notice shall state that, if the proposed amendment is adopted, the municipal corporation then shall be governed under and according to the municipal corporation charter contained in Article 23B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Municipal Corporation Charter". A fair summary of the proposed amendment or amendments shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation not less than four times, at weekly intervals within a period of at least forty days after the adoption of the resolution containing the proposed amendment or amendments. The amendment or amendments so proposed by the legislative body of the municipal corporation shall become and be considered a part of the municipal charter, according to the terms of the amendment or amendments, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the fiftieth day after being so ordained or passed, unless on or before the fortieth day after being so ordained or passed there shall be presented to the legislative body of the