

or other chief executive officer of the municipal corporation shall so proclaim publicly within ten days after receiving a certification of the votes from the ~~Board of Election Supervisors~~; OFFICIALS CONDUCTING THE REFERENDUM; and on the thirtieth day following the public proclamation the proposed charter amendment or amendments shall become a part of the charter of the municipal corporation, according to its terms, in all respects to be effective and observed as such. If less than a majority of those who vote on any such question shall cast their votes in favor of the proposed charter amendment or amendments, the mayor or other chief executive officer likewise shall so proclaim, adding to his proclamation the statement that the proposed charter amendment or amendments contained in the said question are null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

17. (*Form and Registration of Charter Amendment.*) (a) In any proposal to amend an existing charter of a municipal corporation, the new matter, if any, to be added to the charter shall be indicated by being underscored or in italics and all matter to be eliminated from the existing charter, if any, shall be indicated in its proper place by enclosing such matter in double parentheses or in bold-face brackets. Where the subject matter consists of an entirely new section or sections the words of such new section or sections shall also be underscored or in italics or contain some marginal or other notation to that effect. When the purpose of any proposal is to repeal in entirety any section or sections of the existing charter, the matter intended to be repealed need not be written out in full and enclosed in either double parentheses or bold-face brackets.

(b) At the time a charter amendment or amendments become effective by reason of having been ordained or passed by the legislative body of the municipal corporation, or at the time of making public proclamation as to the vote on any question containing a proposed charter amendment or amendments WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED, the mayor or other chief executive officer of the municipal corporation shall send separately BY REGISTERED MAIL to the Secretary of State of Maryland and to the Department of Legislative Reference the following information concerning the ~~proposed~~ charter amendment or amendments: (1) the complete text thereof, or a statement that the charter contained in Article 23B has been adopted, (2) the date of the referendum election, if any, (3) the number of votes cast for and against each question containing a ~~proposed~~ THE charter amendment or amendments, whether in the legislative body or in a referendum, ~~(4) whether the question was adopted or rejected, and (5) AND (4) the effective date of the charter amendment or amendments, if adopted.~~

18. (*Codification of Charter Amendment.*) The exact text of any ~~proposed~~ amendment or amendments to the charter of any municipal corporation, if adopted as in this sub-heading specified, shall thereafter be included in any subsequent edition or codification of the charter of the municipal corporation, unless the charter contained in Article 23B has been adopted, until altered, modified or repealed by a subsequent amendment or amendments to the charter.