

CHAPTER 60 *Ratified*  
(Senate Bill 210)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7 of Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Juries", sub-title "Qualification and Selection of Jurors", providing that the so-called Women's Jury Law shall apply in Carroll County and making the effectiveness of this Act subject to a referendum.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 7 of Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Juries", sub-title "Qualification and Selection of Jurors", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7. Hereafter no person shall be disqualified for service as a juror in this State by reason of sex, but the provisions of law relating to the qualifications of jurors and exemption from jury duty shall in all cases apply to women as well as men, and the lists from which jurors are drawn shall include the names of men and women. The provisions of this section shall not apply to Calvert, [Carroll,] Garrett, Howard, St. Mary's and Kent counties. In Worcester and Charles Counties jury duty for women shall be optional; and any woman whose name is drawn for jury duty shall be excused therefrom upon her request, provided her said request is filed in writing with the clerk of the circuit court within ten days of the date she is officially notified of her selection.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That before this Act shall become effective, the question shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Carroll County at the general election to be held therein during the month of November, 1956. There shall be placed on the voting machines or on the official ballots as the case may be the words "For Women on Juries" and the words "Against Women on Juries" with suitable provision on the voting machine or the ballot for the voter to be able to designate his choice for or against this question. If a majority of the votes cast on the question shall be cast "For Women on Juries", this Act shall become effective immediately. If a majority of the votes cast on the question shall be cast "Against Women on Juries", this Act shall be null and void and of no further effect whatsoever.

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

Approved March 7, 1955.

CHAPTER 61  
(Senate Bill 247)

AN ACT to repeal Section 163 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1953 Supplement), being Article 3 of the Code

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.