

CHAPTER 556

(Senate Bill 103)

AN ACT to repeal Section 3 of Article 25A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Chartered Counties of Maryland", Sub-title "General Provisions", as said Section was enacted by Chapter 792, Section 1B, of the Acts of 1945, and to enact a new Section 3 in lieu thereof so as to confirm the legislative intent concerning the requirements of said Section with regard to nominations for and elections to County Councils in chartered counties.

WHEREAS, Sections 2 and 3 of Article 25A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition) were enacted in the same Act of the 1945 session of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, it was the intention of the General Assembly in enacting said sections to require that nominations for the County Council in a chartered county should be made in party primaries in the same manner as members of the General Assembly are or may be nominated; and

WHEREAS, it was the further intention of the General Assembly in enacting said sections to require that candidates for the County Council in a chartered county should be elected on the general ticket by all the voters of such county in the same manner as the members of the General Assembly are or may be elected; and

WHEREAS, it was not the intention of the General Assembly in enacting such sections to prohibit chartered counties from requiring in their charters that a specified number of councilmen must reside in specified districts in the County; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 3 of Article 25A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Chartered Counties of Maryland", Sub-title "General Provisions", as such section was enacted by Chapter 792, Section 1B of the Laws of 1945, be and it hereby is repealed and a new section to be known as Section 3 be and it hereby is enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

3. *Whenever any county among the geographical subdivisions of this State shall have adopted for itself a charter or form of government under the provisions of Article XI A of the Constitution, such charter may require that a specified number of councilmen must reside in specified districts in the county, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the requirement of Section 2 hereof that the members of the County Council shall be nominated as members of the General Assembly are or may be nominated under the provisions of the law of the State of Maryland, and that such members shall likewise be elected on the general ticket by the qualified voters of such county as members of the Gen-*

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.