

in which constitutional amendments and other questions shall appear on the election ballot.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 68 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Elections", sub-title "Elections", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

68. It shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of Elections of each county and of the City of Baltimore to provide ballots for every election for public officers held under this Article in which any voters within the county or said city shall participate, except in those precincts in which voting machines shall be used, and cause to be printed on the ballots the name of every candidate whose name has been certified to or filed with proper officers in the manner herein provided by such political party organization or body of individuals, but the said Supervisors shall not be required to print any name upon a ballot if such name shall not have been certified to them at least ten days before election day. Each ballot shall contain a condensed statement *in understandable language* of every constitutional amendment or other question to be submitted to the vote of the people at any election, *and it is the legislative intent that such statement or summary shall correctly inform the voter of the effect of the proposed constitutional amendment or other question.* [ , but it shall be sufficient in any case to print on the ballot the legislative title unless the Act proposing the Constitutional Amendment or other question specifically provides the ballot title to be used. ] The Secretary of State shall prepare and certify the form in which a Constitutional Amendment shall appear upon the ballot. Ballots other than those printed by the respective Boards of Supervisors of Elections, according to the provisions of this Article shall not be cast or counted in any election except as hereinafter provided. Nothing in this Article contained shall prevent any voter from writing on his ballot and marking in the proper place the name of any person other than those already printed for whom he may desire to vote for any office, and such votes shall be counted the same as if the name of such person had been printed upon the ballot and marked by the voter. Any voter may take with him in the polling place any written or printed memorandum or paper to assist him in marking or preparing his ballot, except a facsimile of the ballot to be voted. Ballots shall be printed and in possession of the Supervisors of Elections at least four days before election day, and a correct list of the names of the candidates thereon with the designation of the offices for which the persons named thereon are candidates shall be furnished on demand by the Supervisors to the candidates or their authorized agents. If any mistake be discovered, it shall be the duty of said Supervisors to correct the same without delay, and if said Supervisors shall decline or refuse to make correction, then upon the sworn petition of any qualified voter who would have the right to vote for such candidate at the approaching election, the Circuit Court for any county or one of the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may, by order, require said Supervisors of Elections to correct such error or to show cause why such error should not be corrected.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 25, 1955.