other parties. Proof of service shall be made to the Department of Labor and Industry. If no exceptions are filed to such report, the Commissioner or his duly authorized representatives, upon the expiration of the period for filing such exceptions, may decide the matter forthwith upon the record or may make other disposition of the case.

- (d) The report on challenged ballots may be consolidated with the report on objections in appropriate cases.
- (e) If exceptions are filed, either to the report on challenged ballots, objections, or both if it be a consolidated report, and it appears that such exceptions do not raise substantial and material issues with respect to the conduct or results of the election, the Commissioner or his duly authorized representatives may decide the matter forthwith upon the record, or may make other disposition of the case. If it appears to the Commissioner that such exceptions raise substantial and material factual issues, the Commissioner or his duly authorized representatives may issue and cause to be served upon the parties a notice of hearing on said exceptions.
- (f) The Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry is empowered to adopt such rules and regulations of procedure as may be necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of Sections 12A and 12B, such rules and regulations of procedure to conform as nearly as practical to the rules and regulations of procedure of the Federal National Labor Relations Board applicable to the holding of consent elections.
- SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 616 Adopted

## (Senate Bill 597)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 27 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department", to provide that no Bill shall originate in either House during the last ten CALENDAR days of a regular Session, in even years, or during the last twenty CALENDAR days of a regular Session, in odd years, and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be and it is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department", the same, if adopted by the qualified voters of the State, to become Section 27 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

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.