

ENACTMENTS. THE ORDINANCE SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS FOLLOWING ITS FINAL ENACTMENT.

(C) PETITION FOR REFERENDUM BY RESIDENTS OF AREA TO BE ANNEXED.

AT ANY TIME WITHIN THE FORTY-FIVE (45) DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING THE FINAL ENACTMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, A NUMBER OF PERSONS EQUAL TO NOT LESS THAN TWENTY PER CENTUM (20%) OF THE PERSONS WHO RESIDE IN THE AREA AND WHO ARE OWNERS OF NOT LESS THAN TWENTY PER CENTUM (20%) OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE AREA TO BE INCLUDED OR ANNEXED AND WHO ARE REGISTERED AS VOTERS IN COUNTY ELECTIONS MAY, IN WRITING, PETITION THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE ORDINANCE. UPON THE PRESENTATION OF A PETITION TO THE SAID CHAIRMAN, HE SHALL CAUSE TO BE MADE A VERIFICATION OF THE SIGNATURES THEREON AND SHALL ASCERTAIN THAT THE PERSONS SIGNING THE PETITION REPRESENT AT LEAST TWENTY PER CENTUM (20%) OF THE PERSONS WHO RESIDE IN THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED AND ARE THE OWNERS OF NOT LESS THAN TWENTY PER CENTUM (20%) OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED AND WHO ARE REGISTERED AS VOTERS IN COUNTY ELECTIONS. UPON VERIFYING THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUB-SECTION HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL SUSPEND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ORDINANCE, CONTINGENT UPON THE RESULTS OF THE REFERENDUM.

(D) TIME OF REFERENDUM; NOTICE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL SET A DATE FOR THE REFERENDUM ON THE ORDINANCE WHICH SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AND NOT MORE THAN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICES THEREFOR. SUCH NOTICES SHALL BE PUBLISHED TWICE AT NOT LESS THAN WEEKLY INTERVALS IN A NEWSPAPER OR NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED. THE NOTICES SHALL SPECIFY THE TIME AND PLACE, OR PLACES, AT WHICH THE REFERENDUM WILL BE HELD; THE PLACE OR PLACES SHALL BE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED FOR THE REFERENDUM WITHIN THAT AREA.

(E) SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION TO VOTERS; BALLOTS.

ON THE DATE AND AT THE PLACES SPECIFIED, THE ORDINANCE PROPOSING A CHANGE IN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO A REFERENDUM ELECTION OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED AND WHO ARE REGISTERED AS VOTERS IN