

(1957 Edition), title "Corporations—Municipal", sub-title "Home Rule", amending the laws concerning the exercise of home rule power by municipal corporations, subject to Article 11E of the Constitution, in order to provide for the eventuality of municipal corporations adopting substantially but not entirely the provisions of Article 23B of the Code as a municipal charter.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 13, 15, 23 and 27 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Corporations—Municipal", sub-title "Home Rule", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

13. Initiation by legislative body.

The legislative body of the municipal corporation, by whatever name known, may initiate a proposed amendment or amendments to the municipal charter, by a resolution ordained or passed as in the usual course of considering resolutions in the government of the municipal corporation, by a majority of all the persons elected to the legislative body. The resolution shall contain the complete and exact wording of the proposed amendment or amendments. The mayor or other chief executive officer of the municipal corporation, by whatever name known, shall give notice by posting and publication of any resolution which proposes an amendment or amendments to the municipal charter. A complete and exact copy of the resolution containing the proposed amendment or amendments shall be posted at the town hall or other main municipal building or public place for a period of at least forty days following its adoption, or the posted notice shall state that, if the proposed amendment is adopted, the municipal corporation then shall be governed under and according to the municipal corporation charter contained in Article 23B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Municipal Corporation Charter". *Or, if the municipal corporation has adopted substantially the provisions of said Article 23B, the posted notice shall so declare and shall also include a fair summary of the provisions in the charter which differ from those in Article 23B.* A fair summary of the proposed amendment or amendments shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation not less than four times, at weekly intervals within a period of at least forty days after the adoption of the resolution containing the proposed amendment or amendments. The amendment or amendments so proposed by the legislative body of the municipal corporation shall become and be considered a part of the municipal charter, according to the terms of the amendment or amendments, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the fiftieth day after being so ordained or passed, unless on or before the fortieth day after being so ordained or passed there shall be presented to the legislative body of the municipal corporation, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition meeting the requirements of this section. The petition shall be signed by twenty per centum or more of the persons who are qualified to vote in municipal general elections of the particular municipal corporation and shall request that the proposed amendment or amendments be submitted on referendum to the voters of the municipal corporation. Each person signing the petition shall indicate thereon both his name and residence address.