

to refer an act of the General Assembly of State-wide application to a referendum, 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 the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 3 (a) of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "The Referendum", the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:

3.

(a) The referendum petition against an Act or part of an Act passed by the General Assembly, shall be sufficient if signed by [ten thousand] ~~ten~~ THREE *per centum* of the qualified voters of the State of Maryland, calculated upon the whole number of votes cast therein for Governor at the last preceding Gubernatorial election, of whom not more than half shall be residents of Baltimore City, or of any one County; provided that any Public Local Law for any one County or the City of Baltimore, shall be referred by the Secretary of State only to the people of said County or City of Baltimore, upon a referendum petition of ten per cent. of the qualified voters of said County or City of Baltimore, as the case may be, calculated upon the whole number of votes cast therein respectively for Governor at the last preceding Gubernatorial election.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be, at the next general election, to be held in this State in the year 1962, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment", as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election, due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said Article 14 of the Constitution and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article 14.

Approved March 23, 1962.

CHAPTER 7

(Senate Bill 13)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 14(7) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1961 Supplement), title "Pensions", sub-title "In General"; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 116(7) of Article 77 of said Code, title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter