

## CHAPTER 187

(House Bill 486)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 26 of Article IV of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department," subtitle "Deputy Clerks," by repealing and re-enacting a new section in lieu thereof, excepting Washington County from the provision that deputy clerks of court shall be removable by the respective judges of said courts for incompetency, and providing for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their 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 be and it is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department," subtitle "Deputy Clerks," by repealing Section 26 thereof and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 26 to stand in the place of the section so repealed, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland, and to read as follows:

## 26.

The said Clerks shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Judges of their respective Courts, as many deputies under them, as the said Judges shall deem necessary, to perform, together with themselves, the duties of the said office, who shall be removable by the said Judges for incompetency, or neglect of duty, and whose compensation shall be according to existing, or future provisions of the General Assembly. *Washington County shall be excepted from the provision of this section dealing with the removal of deputy clerks.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next general election to be held in this State in November 1966, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution 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 provided by law, and, immediately, after said election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendments, as directed by said Article 14 of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article 14.

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## CHAPTER 188

(House Bill 514)

AN ACT to add new Section 359A to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—