

and each of the legislative districts of Baltimore City shall have in such Convention the same number of delegates as Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Special Session of October 11, 1965, provides shall be elected to the House of Delegates at the General Election in 1966 from such county and legislative district.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of public health and safety and, having been passed by yea and nay votes supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 501

(House Bill 44)

AN ACT to provide for taking at a special election to be held at the same time as the primary election in the year Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-Six, the sense of the voters of this State on the call of a Convention to frame a new Constitution of Maryland, which Convention would be convened within twelve months of that election.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That at a special election to be held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September, in the year Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-Six, at the same time as the primary election and at the same places where elections are by law held for the election of delegates to the General Assembly, there shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of this State the question of whether there shall be called a Convention ~~during the succeeding twelve months~~ NOT EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 1967 AND NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 1968 to frame a new Constitution for Maryland. There shall be placed upon the ballots or upon the voting machine labels to be used at that election in the manner prescribed by the general election laws of this State the words "For a Constitutional Convention" and "Against a Constitutional Convention" so that the voter may clearly indicate in the manner prescribed in the general election laws whether he is for or against the calling of a Convention to frame a new Constitution; and the vote on this question shall be received, counted, and canvassed in the manner prescribed by the general election laws. The Canvassing Boards of the several counties and for the City of Baltimore shall certify the vote on this question to the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the State Treasurer; and the Board of State Canvassers shall, at the time of their meeting to make a statement of the vote cast for the candidates voted upon at the primary election, also make a statement of the vote cast on the question of calling a Constitutional Convention, and shall transmit the same to the Governor; and the Governor shall, after receiving this statement, issue a proclamation reporting the sense of the people of this State on the call of a Convention to frame a new Constitution and shall transmit a copy of the proclamation to the General Assembly.