

preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 21, 1967.

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CHAPTER 554

(Senate Bill 645)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 300 (a) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education", subtitle "Chapter 31. Community Colleges", revising the laws relating to Public Education to provide a system in Garrett County whereby the question of establishing community colleges may be submitted by the County Commissioners to the voters of such county for approval.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 300 (a) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education", subtitle "Chapter 31. Community Colleges", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

300.

(a) The Board of Education of any county and the board of school commissioners of Baltimore City, with the approval of the State Superintendent of Schools, by appropriate resolution, may establish and maintain community colleges.

*Provided, however, that in Garrett County the board of education, upon a determination to establish a community college and the adoption of an appropriate resolution thereon, shall notify the County Commissioners of such determination. The County Commissioners may elect, within 60 days from receipt of such notification, to submit the question of whether to establish a community college to the qualified voters of Garrett County at the next general election or at a special election called for that purpose. The board of education shall be authorized and directed to proceed with the establishment of a community college in the event that County Commissioners elect not to submit such question to the voters but take no official action against such proposal within the time specified or in the event that the County Commissioners elect to submit the question to the voters and the same is approved.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved April 21, 1967.