

CHAPTER 4
(House Bill 28)

AN ACT to make provisions with respect to the election of delegates to, and the holding of, a convention to frame a new constitution for the State of Maryland pursuant to Chapter 500 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1966 and prescribing the time, place, and manner of nominating and electing delegates and filling vacancies, the qualifications of delegates, ~~the manner of determining~~ the arrangement of the names of candidates on ballots and voting machines, the time, place, and duration of the sessions of the convention, the employment of employees, PROVIDING THAT THE CONVENTION MAY REQUEST THE ADVICE AND COUNSEL OF ANY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND FOR THE DUTY OF THAT DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST, ESTABLISHING A REQUIREMENT FOR PER DIEM OR OTHER PAYMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION, the keeping and publication of a journal and transcript of debates, THE APPOINTMENT OF AN HISTORIAN AND THE PROVIDING OF AN INFORMATION SERVICE, the designation of a quorum and of the number of votes required to approve a new constitution, the method of certifying and submitting to the voters of this State any new constitution proposed by the convention together with any schedules OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION attached thereto, providing for a special election to adopt or reject such proposed constitution and schedules and for a proclamation by the Governor of the results of such election, and providing for the allocation among the counties and the City of Baltimore of the monies appropriated by the State to pay the costs of the two special elections; AND RELATING GENERALLY TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES THERETO, THE POWERS, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, FINANCES, AND OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION, THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND OFFICERS IN RELATION THERETO, AND THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

WHEREAS, by Chapter 501 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1966 it was provided that a special election be held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September, 1966, to take the sense of the voters of this State on the call of a convention not earlier than September 1, 1967, nor later than September 1, 1968, to frame a new constitution for Maryland; and

WHEREAS, that special election was held on September 13, 1966, and pursuant to that Act the Governor has issued his proclamation reporting that a majority of those voting at the special election voted in favor of the call of a constitutional convention and a copy of the Governor's proclamation has been transmitted to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, by Chapter 500 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1966 it was provided that in the event there was a favorable vote on the referendum to hold a constitutional convention, a constitutional convention should be assembled and should convene at twelve