

"Independent" and none other. If the same party name shall be claimed on behalf of nominations made by more than one primary election and duly certified as aforesaid, the officers by whom the ballots are to be prepared, or a majority of them, shall determine which nominees are justly entitled to the party name, and to the right of the names of other nominees there shall be printed upon the ballots only the word "Independent" and none other.

**16-6. Ballots and Ballot Labels: Questions.**

(a) The ballots shall contain a condensed statement in understandable language of every constitutional amendment or other question to be submitted to the vote of the people at any election. It shall be sufficient in any case to print the legislative title, a brief summary of the contents or purpose of the proposed amendment or referendum unless the act proposing the constitutional amendment or other question specifically provides the title to be used. The Secretary of State shall prepare and certify the form in which a constitutional amendment or question shall appear and each amendment or question shall be captioned with a descriptive title in bold face type containing not more than three words. A constitutional amendment, or any question to be submitted to the popular vote, shall be printed on the ballots following the names of the candidates for office, and in the absence of some other provisions shall be accompanied by the words "For" and "Against." The County Commissioners, County Council, or Treasurer of Baltimore City, as the case may be, shall prepare and certify to the boards the form in which local questions shall appear on the ballots. In the event the title of the bill, ordinance or resolution, as the case may be, is one hundred words or less, the title shall be sufficient. In the event the title exceeds one hundred words, a summary of the title containing not in excess of one hundred words shall be prepared and certified to the boards.

(b) Each board, in the preparation of ballots, shall follow the order designated by the Secretary of State and shall always place the proposed constitutional amendments and the other State-wide referenda, if any, in numerical order as indicated. If there are any local questions or referenda they shall appear at the top of the ballots and shall be listed in a sequence to be determined by the county commissioners, county council or the treasurer of the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, as follows: (1) by years of sessions of the General Assembly at which enacted, and for each such session, by chapter numbers of the session laws of that session and (2) by years of meetings of the local legislative body at which enacted and for each such meeting by ordinance or other number of the laws or acts of that meeting.

**16-7. Instructions for voters and specimen ballots.**

(a) At least thirty days before every Statewide election the Attorney General shall prepare full instructions for the guidance of voters at election.

(b) The sets of instructions prepared by the Attorney General shall be furnished by the Secretary of State to the several boards, who shall respectively cause the same to be printed in large, clear type, on separate cards, to be called "cards of instruction." Each board shall furnish three of the proper sets of instructions for use in each polling place for each election district or precinct.