

2-4. Proposal of amendments of Charter by council—Procedure generally.

Any resolution or law adopted by the council proposing an amendment to the Charter shall set forth the complete text of the proposed amendment. After adoption of such resolution or law, a true copy thereof certified by the secretary of the council shall be filed with the Board of Supervisors of Elections on or before the date prescribed by public general law of the state or the Charter of the county, whichever shall be applicable. If such date is not prescribed by public general law or the Charter, then such filing shall occur not later than sixty days preceding the date of the next regular, general or congressional election at which such proposed amendment is to be submitted to the voters of the county, and the president of the council shall cause such proposed amendment to be published in the same manner as provided herein for publication of an amendment proposed by petition.

*Section 5.* Section 2-5, title "Same—Returns; public notice of results," of Chapter 2, title "Administration," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2-5. Same—Returns; public notice of results.

Following the election the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall promptly make a return to the president of the council of the number of votes cast for the amendment and of the number of votes cast against the amendment. If, at such election, the majority of the votes cast for and against the amendment shall be in favor thereof, the amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter from and after the thirtieth day after such election. Promptly after the return of the votes, the president of the council shall give public notice of the result thereof in such manner as he shall determine, and if the proposed amendment is adopted, of the effective date thereof.

*Section 6.* Section 2-6, title "Same—Referendum; procedure," of Chapter 2, title "Administration," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2-6. Same—Referendum; procedure.

The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall conduct a referendum of any amendment proposed pursuant to public general law, the Charter, or to the Constitution of Maryland as may be applicable and the provisions of this chapter, and shall use the same voting machines or ballots, as are used by it in the regular, general or congressional election at which such proposed amendment is submitted to the voters. There shall appear in print on the voting machine or ballot a ballot title of the proposed amendment which shall be prepared by the council in such form as to present the purpose and substance of the amendment fairly and concisely. Such ballot title shall be filed with the Board on or before the date prescribed by public general law of the state or the Charter of the county, whichever shall be applicable. If such date is not prescribed by public general law or the Charter, then such filing shall occur not later than sixty days preceding the date of the next regular, general or congressional election at which such proposed amendment is to be submitted to the voters of the county. The question on the voting machine or ballot shall follow the ballot title, and shall be stated as follows: "For the Amendment" and "Against the Amendment." When two or more amendments are submitted at the same election they shall be submitted so that each may be voted upon separately.

*Section 7.* This Act shall take effect August 15, 1968.