

## CHAPTER 512

(House Bill 244)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Sundry Officers," repealing and re-enacting, with amendments, Section 2 to abolish the office of the Surveyor of Baltimore City AND OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES and providing for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND*, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following amendment be and it is hereby proposed to Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Sundry Officers," the same if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland, and to read:

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~~Sec. 2.~~ (A) The qualified voters of each County [and of the City of Baltimore] shall, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, and on the same day in every fourth year thereafter, elect a Surveyor for each County [and the City of Baltimore, respectively,] whose term of office shall commence on the first Monday of January next ensuing their election, and whose duties and compensation shall be the same as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by Law. And any vacancy in the office of Surveyor, shall be filled by the Commissioners of the counties, or by the [Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, respectively,] *County Council of Chartered Counties* for the residue of the term.

(B) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ALLEGANY, ANNE ARUNDEL, BALTIMORE, CALVERT, CAROLINE CECIL, DORCHESTER, FREDERICK, HARFORD, HOWARD, KENT, PRINCE GEORGE'S, QUEEN ANNE'S, ST. MARY'S SOMERSET, TALBOT, WASHINGTON, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

SEC. 3 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next general election to be held in this State in November, 1972, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed ~~amendments~~ AMENDMENT to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the ~~Constitution~~ CONSTITUTIONAL Amendments" and "Against the ~~Constitution~~ CONSTITUTIONAL Amendments" as now provided by law, and, immediately, after said election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed ~~amendments~~ AMENDMENT, as directed by said Article 14 of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article 14.

Approved May 17, 1971.