

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Section 309(a), title, "Power reserved" of Article III entitled "The Legislative Branch" of the Charter of Wicomico County, Maryland, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Section 309(a) Power reserved. The people of Wicomico County reserve to themselves the power, by petition, to have submitted to the registered voters of the County, for approval or rejection by them by a majority vote, at the next regular [or special] election [in Wicomico County] for any state or federal office, OR AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE CALLED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL NOT LESS THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS NOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS AFTER SAID PETITIONS HAVE BEEN FILED, PROVIDED THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO CALL SAID SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE EVENT A REGULAR ELECTION FOR ANY STATE OR FEDERAL OFFICE SHALL BE PROVIDED WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS OF THE DATE SAID PETITIONS WERE FILED, any public local law or any part of any public local law hereinafter passed, including any public local law or any part of any public local law authorizing any issue of bonds, certificates of indebtedness, notes, or other obligations of the County, or renewal thereof.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been approved by not less than four members of the County Council of Wicomico County, said proposed amendments shall be published by the Administrative Director in one or more newspapers of general circulation in Wicomico County once each week for five successive weeks prior to the next General election or Congressional election occurring after the passage hereof and at said election the question shall be submitted to the voters of the County and if at said election the majority of the votes cast on the question shall be in favor of the herein proposed amendments, such amendments shall stand adopted and become a part of the Charter of Wicomico County, Maryland, from and after the thirtieth day following said election in accordance with Article XI, Section 1102 of the Charter of Wicomico County, Maryland.

CERTIFIED CORRECT AS PASSED

Richard S. Wootten, President
David H. Clark, Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Twenty-five (25) copies of the above Bill are available for distribution to the public and press at the time of its introduction.

David H. Clark, Secretary

Legislative Session (Second) June, 1970

Chapter 6
(Bill No. 6)

Introduced June 1, 1970

BY: Mr. Wootten, Mr. Riley, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Grier and Mr. Insley

An Act to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Article III, entitled "The Legislative Branch," Section 309(b), title, "Petitions; when filed" of the Charter of Wicomico County, Maryland, as adopted by