

Preamble

WHEREAS, Land annexations by municipal corporations have a potential impact beyond the incorporation, organization, government and affairs of the municipal corporations to which the land is annexed and even beyond the owners and occupiers of the lands annexed; and

WHEREAS, This impact has in Anne Arundel County become more than merely potential and has in fact become a source of friction adversely affecting the interests of all residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland, taking into account the particular circumstances prevailing in said County with respect to the relationship of said County and municipal corporations located therein and the effect of annexation, consummated and proposed, upon the orderly functioning and planning of county government and the interests of all residents of the county, including not only those located in the municipal corporations and the lands annexed, but in the county generally, deems it imperative to resolve the particular problems in Anne Arundel County in a manner which will maintain a proper balance between the county and municipal corporations located therein with respect to the problem of municipal annexation; now, therefore, be it

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 19(r) be and it is hereby added to Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal

19.

(R) (1) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, BY ORDINANCE ENACTED ACCORDING TO ITS REGULAR LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE, MAY REGISTER ITS DISAPPROVAL OF THE ANNEXATION RESOLUTION AND PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE RESOLUTION TO A REFERENDUM VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY [(OR SUCH LESSER PART THEREOF AS MAY BE APPLICABLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 19(R)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE),] AT THE NEXT ENSUING GENERAL ELECTION OF THE COUNTY [(HELD)] FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH IS HELD AT LEAST 45 DAYS AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THE ORDINANCE. THE ORDINANCE SHALL NOT BE VALID UNLESS ENACTED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF 180 DAYS