

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401 (ONE COPY)

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 7 of Article 25B - Home Rule for Code Counties, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article 25B - Home Rule for Code Counties

7.

(A) The board of supervisors of elections, at the next regular congressional election and in accordance with requirements as to time, notice, and form in Article 33 of this Code, shall submit the question of code home rule status to the registered voters of the county for their adoption or rejection. The ballots or voting machine labels, as the case may be, shall contain the words "For Adoption of Code Home Rule Status" and "Against Adoption of Code Home Rule Status." If a majority of those who vote on the question cast their votes in favor of adoption, the board of county commissioners publicly shall so proclaim within ten days after receiving a certification of the votes from the board of supervisors of elections; and on the thirtieth day following the public proclamation the county shall become a code home rule county. If a majority of those persons who vote on the question cast their votes against adoption, the board of county commissioners likewise shall so proclaim, and in this event the proposal is rejected at that election.

(B) WHENEVER THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM THE ADOPTION OR REJECTION OF CODE HOME RULE STATUS, THEY SHALL SEND NOTIFICATION PROMPTLY TO THE FOLLOWING STATE AGENCIES:

- (1) STATE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE  
P.O. BOX 348  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21404 (FIVE COPIES)
- (2) SECRETARY OF STATE OF MARYLAND  
STATE HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21404 (ONE COPY)
- (3) HALL OF RECORDS  
P.O. BOX 828  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21404 (ONE COPY)
- (4) STATE LIBRARY  
COURTS OF APPEAL BUILDING  
ROWE BOULEVARD AND TAYLOR AVENUE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401 (ONE COPY)

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.