

as the case may be, during the term of such public officer.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next general election to be held in this State in November, 1976, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against the Constitutional Amendments," as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.

Approved May 17, 1976.

CHAPTER 548

(Senate Bill 639)

AN ACT concerning

[[Laws and Referendums - Effective Dates and Forms]]
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FOR the purpose of [[providing that a law may not take effect before July 1 following the session at which it was enacted unless an emergency measure;]] changing the proportion of names to be filed in a referendum petition by a certain date; changing the deadline for filing a petition for referendum for certain acts ; authorizing the General Assembly to prescribe the form of a referendum petition, the manner of its verification and other necessary administrative procedures; correcting language; generally amending the referendum procedures and requirements; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

[[BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland

Article III - Legislative Department
 Section 31]]