

(a) The General Assembly shall provide for furnishing the voters of the State the text of all measures to be voted upon by the people[; provided that until]. UNTIL otherwise provided by law [the same] THEY shall be published in the manner prescribed by Article XIV of the Constitution for the publication of proposed Constitutional Amendments.

(b) All laws referred under the provisions of this Article shall be submitted separately on the ballots to the voters of the people, but if containing more than [two hundred] 200 words, the full text [shall] MAY not be printed on the official ballots, but the [Secretary of State] STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS shall prepare and submit a ballot title of each [such] measure in [such] A form [as] to present the purpose of [said] THE measure concisely and intelligently. The ballot title may be distinct from the legislative title, but in any case the legislative title shall be sufficient. Upon each of the ballots, following the ballot title or text, as the case may be, of each [such] measure, there shall be printed the words "For the referred law" and "Against the referred law," as the case may be. The votes cast for and against any [such] referred law shall be returned to the Governor in the manner prescribed with respect to proposed amendments to the Constitution under Article XIV of this Constitution, and the Governor shall proclaim the result of the election, and, if it [shall appear] APPEARS that the majority of the votes CAST on any [such] measure were cast in favor [thereof] OF IT, the Governor shall by his proclamation declare the same having received a majority of the votes to have been adopted by the people of Maryland as a part of the laws of the State, to take effect [thirty] 30 days after [such] THE election, and in like manner and with like effect the Governor shall proclaim the result of the local election as to any Public Local Law which [shall have been] IS submitted to the voters of any County or of the City of Baltimore. ]]

SECTION [[3]]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.