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CHAPTER 549

(Senate Bill 41)

AN ACT concerning

Debtors - Property Exempted from Execution

FOR the purpose of opening to legislation the amount of property a debtor may have protected from execution.

BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland

Article III - Legislative Department
Section 44

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 44 of Article III - Legislative Department, of the Constitution of Maryland, the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:

Article III - Legislative Department

44.

Laws shall be passed by the General Assembly, to protect from execution a reasonable amount of the property of the debtor[, not exceeding in value, the sum of five hundred dollars].

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