

the signature of any such signer, there shall be either printed or typed, the name of [such] THE SIGNER. PETITIONS SHALL BE FILED WITH THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS, WHICH SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE VERIFICATION OF IT, EITHER BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS OR THE LOCAL BOARDS.]]

(A) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PRESCRIBE THE FORM FOR PETITIONS FILED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XVI OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION. THE SIGNATURES SHALL BE ON SEPARATE PAPERS, BEING NO MORE THAN 8 1/2 INCHES IN WIDTH AND 14 INCHES IN LENGTH, AND BEARING ONE OR MORE SIGNATURES. EACH PAPER SHALL CONTAIN A FULL TEXT, OR AN ACCURATE SUMMARY[[ , ]] APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OF THE ACT OR PART OF ACT PETITIONED UPON. THE PAPERS SHALL NOT CONTAIN THE NAMES OF PERSONS RESIDING IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY OR IN ANY COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BALTIMORE. TO EVERY PETITION (INCLUDING AN ASSOCIATED OR RELATED SET OF PETITIONS) THERE SHALL BE APPENDED TO THE SIGNATURE OF EACH SIGNER HIS RESIDENCE, AND IMMEDIATELY BELOW THE SIGNATURE OF ANY SUCH SIGNER, THERE SHALL BE EITHER PRINTED OR TYPED THE NAME OF SUCH SIGNER. [[EVERY PAPER SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY]] THERE SHALL BE ATTACHED TO EVERY PAPER AN AFFIDAVIT [[OR AFFIDAVITS]], SIGNED UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SIGNATURES ARE, TO THE AFFIANT'S [[OR AFFIANTS']] BEST KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, GENUINE AND BONA FIDE, AND THAT THE SIGNERS ARE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OR CITY AS SET FORTH IN THE PETITION, AND THAT THE AFFIANT [[OR AFFIANTS]] PERSONALLY SAW THE SIGNERS[[ , IN REGARD TO WHOM HE OR THEY MAKE OATHS,]] SIGN THE PAPER.

(B) PETITIONS FILED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XVI OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE WHO SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THEIR VERIFICATION EITHER BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR HIS DESIGNEE OR BY THE LOCAL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS.

[[23-5.

(a) As to any petition (including an associated or related set of petitions) under the provisions of Article 16 of the Constitution of Maryland, it is unlawful for any person:

(c) To refer to the [Secretary of State] STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS a petition to which is attached, appended, or subscribed any signature which the person knows to be false or fraudulent or not the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition or of the person whose name is attached, appended, or subscribed to the petition.

23-6.

(a) At the time of filing with the [Secretary of