

State] STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS a petition (including an associated or related set of petitions) under the provisions of Article 16 of the Constitution, the person, persons, or associations which files the petition shall file with it a statement showing the contributions and expenditures for the petition. This shall be certified by the person, persons, or association which files the petition, giving (1) the name and post-office address of every contributor to the expense of the petition, and the amount paid by each; and (2) the name and post-office address of every person to whom, and for what service, any money was paid or promised on account of the petition or which is owed to be paid.

(b) If [such] a certified statement is not filed with the petition, the [Secretary of State] STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS shall treat the petition as invalid and [shall] MAY not certify the question of the referendum to the several boards.

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On any petition (including an associated or included set of petitions) submitted to the [Secretary of State] STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS under the provisions of Article 16 of the Constitution, any question concerning, or the invalidity of, the signature of any person on the petition affects that signature only and does not affect or impair any other portion of the petition or petitions.

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The cost of publishing in newspapers any laws upon which a referendum vote shall be taken under the provisions of Article XVI of the Constitution shall be paid as follows: If [said] THE law is submitted to the voters of the entire State, by the [Secretary of State] STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS out of funds appropriated for [said] THAT purpose by the General Assembly in the budget bill; if [said] THE law is submitted ONLY to the voters of any county of the State, by the board of County Commissioners or County Council of [said] THE County, and if [said] THE law is submitted ONLY to the voters of the City of Baltimore, by the mayor and city council of Baltimore. ]]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on January 1, 1977, contingent upon the taking effect of Chapter of the Acts of 1976, (Senate Bill No. 639), being a proposed constitutional amendment generally revising Article 16 and other portions of the Constitution of Maryland. If Chapter does not become effective, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.