

(A) EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF LAWS REFERRED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONLY TO VOTERS OF ONE COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY, TO FULFILL THE ADVERTISING PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES XIV AND XVI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, ~~THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTION LAWS~~ THE SECRETARY OF STATE, BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL CAUSE THE FOLLOWING TO BE PUBLISHED ONCE A WEEK FOR THE 2 WEEKS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE GENERAL ELECTION AT WHICH THE QUESTIONS WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN AT LEAST TWO NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION PUBLISHED WITHIN EACH COUNTY OR IN ONE NEWSPAPER IF ONLY ONE IS PUBLISHED CIRCULATED IN A COUNTY, AND IN THREE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN BALTIMORE CITY:

(1) THE BALLOT TITLE PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF EACH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND EACH REFERENDUM QUESTION; AND

(2) (I) A BRIEF STATEMENT, PREPARED IN CLEAR AND CONCISE LANGUAGE, DEVOID OF TECHNICAL AND LEGAL TERMS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SUMMARIZING THE EACH AMENDMENT AND EACH QUESTION. (II) THIS EACH STATEMENT SHALL BE PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE AND APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL UNLESS ANOTHER STATEMENT IS INCLUDED IN THE TEXT OF A BILL PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. THE (III) EACH APPROVED OR STATUTORY STATEMENT, ~~IF NOT INCLUDED IN THE TEXT OF A BILL PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT,~~ SHALL BE FORWARDED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO THE ~~STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTION LAWS~~ THE SECRETARY OF STATE NOT LATER THAN THE THIRD MONDAY IN AUGUST IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE GENERAL ELECTION. (IV) ~~BEGINNING WITH THE 1991 SESSION,~~ ANY ~~SUCH STATEMENT SUMMARIZING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE TEXT OF THE BILL BY WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSES THAT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.~~

(B) IN THE CASE OF LAWS REFERRED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE VOTERS IN ONLY ONE COUNTY OR THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, TO FULFILL THE ADVERTISING PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES ~~XIV AND~~ ARTICLE XVI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, THE A TITLE AND STATEMENT FOR EACH LAW SHALL BE PUBLISHED ONCE A WEEK FOR 2 WEEKS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE GENERAL ELECTION ~~IN THE NEWSPAPERS OF THE COUNTY OR CITY IN WHICH THE AMENDMENT OR QUESTION IS ON THE BALLOT AT WHICH THE QUESTIONS WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS FOLLOWS:~~

(1) IN AT LEAST TWO NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION PUBLISHED WITHIN THE COUNTY;

(2) IN ONE NEWSPAPER IF ONLY ONE IS PUBLISHED GENERALLY CIRCULATED IN THE COUNTY; OR

(3) IN THREE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN BALTIMORE CITY.

~~(6) (1) THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTION LAWS THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE EACH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS WITH THE COMPLETE TEXT OF EACH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND EACH REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE VOTED ON IN~~