SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July-17-1982 June-17-1983 July 1, 1982.

Approved June 1, 1982.

CHAPTER 849

(House Bill 280)

AN ACT concerning

Local Government and Referendum Petitions

FOR the purpose of eliminating altering certain requirements for signers of certain petitions and persons who attest to the authenticity of the signature; giving-the General-Assembly-the-autherity-to providing that the General Assembly shall prescribe by law the form of certain petitions, the manner for authentication and other administrative procedures; generally relating to procedures relating to certain petitions; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland

Article XI-A - Local Legislation Section 7

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Article XVI - The Referendum Section 4

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 it be proposed that section(s) of the Constitution of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article XI-A - Local Legislation

7.

-{-The word "Petition" as used in this Article means one or more sheets written or printed, or partly written and partly printed.[; "Signature" means the signature of a registered voter written by himself in his own handwriting (and not by his mark), together with the ward or district and precinct in which he is registered. The authenticity of