

(f) At any time within the [forty-five (45)] 45 day period following the final enactment of the resolution, a number of persons equal to not less than [twenty per centum (20%)] 20 PERCENT of the persons who reside in the area to be annexed and who are registered as voters in county elections in the precinct or precincts in which the territory to be annexed is located may, in writing, petition the chief executive and administrative officer of the municipal corporation for a referendum on the resolution. Upon the presentation of a petition to the officer, he shall cause to be made a verification of the signatures thereon and shall ascertain that the persons signing the petition represent at least [twenty per centum (20%)] 20 PERCENT of the persons who reside in the area to be annexed and who are registered as voters in county elections in the precinct or precincts in which the territory to be annexed is located. Upon verifying that the requirements of this subsection have been complied with, the officer shall by proclamation suspend the effectiveness of the resolution, contingent upon the results of the referendum.

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

Approved May 31, 1983.

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#### CHAPTER 594

(House Bill 79)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credits - Assessment Increase in Excess of  
15 Percent - Extension of Program

FOR the purpose of extending the time that a homeowner's property tax credit that is based on a certain increase in the assessment of the property may be granted.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes  
Section 12F-7 (a) and (d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes