

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before this Act becomes effective it shall first be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of St. Mary's County at the general election to be held in November of 1984. The cost of the special election, if any, shall be paid by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of St. Mary's County shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for and hold the referendum here required. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this election the ~~title of this Act and underneath the title, on separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the words "For abolishing the limitation restricting St. Mary's County Commissioners from holding office for more than 3 consecutive terms" and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against abolishing the limitation restricting St. Mary's County Commissioners from holding office for more than 3 consecutive terms"~~ following:

Local Referendum

An Act for the purpose of removing the restriction prohibiting the St. Mary's County Commissioners from serving more than three consecutive terms of office.

Underneath this title, on separate lines, there shall appear a square or box, to the right of and opposite the word "For" and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the word "Against", so that each voter of the county may designate his or her decision for or against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes cast in the election are "For" abolishing the limitation restricting St. Mary's County Commissioners from holding office for more than 3 consecutive terms", the provisions of this Act shall become effective on the 30th day following the official canvass of votes for the referendum, but if a majority of the votes cast in the election are "Against" abolishing the limitation restricting St. Mary's County Commissioners from holding office for more than 3 consecutive terms", the provisions of this Act shall be of no effect and null and void.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That subject to the provisions of Section 2 herein and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum therein required, this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1984.

Approved May 15, 1984.

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