

CHAPTER 674

(Senate Bill 666)

AN ACT concerning

Charter Counties – Vacancies – Special Elections

FOR the purpose of authorizing a charter county to provide for the conduct of a special election in the event of a vacancy in the county council that occurs under certain circumstances; requiring a local election board to conduct special elections under certain circumstances; authorizing a local election board to develop certain regulations for the conduct of special elections; making this Act contingent on the passage of a certain Constitutional Amendment; and generally relating to the authority of a charter county to hold a special election.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25A – Chartered Counties of Maryland

Section 5(Q)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 33 – Election Code

Section 2-9(h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article 25A – Chartered Counties of Maryland

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(Q)

(1) To provide for the appointment and removal of all county officers except those whose appointment or election is provided for by the Constitution or public general law, and to establish a merit system, if deemed desirable, in connection with the appointment of all county officials and employees not elected or appointed under the Constitution and the public general laws; to fix the qualifications and term of office of such county executive authority as may be established, and to fix its compensation; provided that the county council may enact local laws designed to prevent conflicts between the private interests and public duties of any county officers, including members of the county council, and to govern the conduct and actions of all such county officers in the performance of their public duties, and to provide for penalties, including removal from office, for violation of any such laws or the regulations adopted thereunder.