

(i) In the case of a statewide petition, A PETITION TO REFER AN ENACTMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XVI OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, or a petition for a congressional or General Assembly candidacy, in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County; or

(ii) As to any other petition, in the circuit court for the county in which the petition is filed.

(2) The court may grant relief as it considers appropriate to assure the integrity of the electoral process.

(3) Judicial review shall be expedited by each court that hears the cause to the extent necessary in consideration of the deadlines established by law.

[7-103.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the board of county commissioners, the county council, or the Treasurer of Baltimore City, as appropriate, shall certify to the local board, not later than the third Monday in August, a question to be submitted to the voters of one county or part of one county.

(2) (i) A question that has been referred to the voters of one county or part of one county pursuant to the requirements of an enactment of the General Assembly shall be certified to the appropriate local board, not later than the third Monday in August, by the State Board.

(ii) A question that has been referred to the voters of one county or part of that county pursuant to a petition filed under Article XVI of the Maryland Constitution shall be certified to the appropriate local board, not later than the third Monday in August, by the Secretary of State.

(3) If the certifying authority has not certified a question by the third Monday in August, the clerk of the circuit court for the county shall certify the question to the local board not later than the fourth Monday in August.

(b) The State Board shall certify ballot questions to the local boards in accordance with Title 9, Subtitle 2 of this article.]

[7-104.] 7-103.

(a) IN THIS SECTION, "COUNTY ATTORNEY" MEANS EITHER:

(1) THE ATTORNEY OR LAW DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED BY A COUNTY CHARTER OR LOCAL LAW TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY GENERALLY, INCLUDING ITS LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS; OR

(2) IF THE COUNTY CHARTER OR LOCAL LAWS PROVIDE FOR DIFFERENT ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, THE ATTORNEY DESIGNATED TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY.

(B) Each question shall appear on the ballot containing the following information: