

(2) For purposes of newspaper publication each question shall contain the information specified in § 7-104 (a) of this title and a brief statement, prepared in clear and concise language, devoid of technical and legal terms to the extent practicable, summarizing the question. ] A LOCAL BOARD SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE OF EACH QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED STATEWIDE AND EACH QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY, BY ~~EITHER~~:

(1) SPECIMEN BALLOT MAILED AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION; OR

(2) PUBLICATION OR DISSEMINATION BY MASS COMMUNICATION DURING THE 3 WEEKS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE GENERAL ELECTION AT WHICH A QUESTION WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.

(B) (1) FOR ANY QUESTION SUBMITTED UNDER ARTICLE XIV OR ARTICLE XVI OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN § 7-103(B) OF THIS TITLE AND A BRIEF STATEMENT, PREPARED IN CLEAR AND CONCISE LANGUAGE, DEVOID OF TECHNICAL AND LEGAL TERMS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SUMMARIZING THE QUESTION.

[(3)](2) The statement required under paragraph [(2)] (1) of this subsection shall be [prepared]:

(I) PREPARED by the Department of Legislative Services [and approved];

(II) APPROVED by the Attorney General [for each statewide ballot question and each question relating to an enactment of the General Assembly unless:

(i) The statement is contained in an enactment by the General Assembly, and the enactment clearly specifies that the statement is to be used on the ballots; or

(ii) Some other process is mandated by the Maryland Constitution]; AND

(III) SUBMITTED TO THE STATE BOARD BY THE FOURTH MONDAY IN AUGUST.

(3) THE STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS SUFFICIENT IF IT IS:

(I) CONTAINED IN AN ENACTMENT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE ENACTMENT CLEARLY SPECIFIES THAT THE STATEMENT IS TO BE USED ON THE BALLOT; OR

(II) CONSISTENT WITH SOME OTHER PROCESS MANDATED BY THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.