

STATEWIDE BALLOT QUESTIONS AND ALL QUESTIONS RELATING TO AN ENACTMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH IS PETITIONED TO REFERENDUM.

(2) EACH QUESTION TO BE VOTED ON IN A SINGLE COUNTY OR PART OF A COUNTY, EXCEPT A QUESTION RELATING TO AN ENACTMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH HAS BEEN PETITIONED TO REFERENDUM, SHALL BE PREPARED AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY UNLESS SOME OTHER PROCESS IS MANDATED BY LAW.

(C) NUMBERING OR LETTERING.

(1) EACH STATEWIDE QUESTION SHALL BE ASSIGNED A NUMERICAL IDENTIFIER IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

(I) BY YEARS OF SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT WHICH ENACTED; AND

(II) FOR EACH SUCH SESSION, BY CHAPTER NUMBERS OF THE SESSION LAWS OF THAT SESSION.

(2) QUESTIONS CERTIFIED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY SHALL BE ASSIGNED AN ALPHABETICAL IDENTIFIER IN AN ORDER ESTABLISHED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY, CONSISTENT WITH AND FOLLOWING THE QUESTIONS CERTIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section combines several sections and a new provision to provide a comprehensive listing of the components of the text of a question for placement on the ballot and for publication. The new provision requires a description of the type or source of the question. Currently, SABEL requires inclusion of a description such as "Constitutional Amendment" or "Charter Amendment", but there is no requirement for this in the Code.

7-105. PETITIONS RELATING TO QUESTIONS.

(A) CHARTER BOARD.

A PETITION FOR THE ELECTION OF A CHARTER BOARD MAY NOT BE FILED UNLESS ALL OF THE SIGNATURES ATTACHED TO THE PETITION HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY THE SIGNERS WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE DATE WHEN THE PETITION IS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.

(B) FILING.

A PETITION RELATING TO A QUESTION ARISING UNDER ARTICLE XI-A OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL BODY OR OFFICER NOT LATER THAN THE SECOND MONDAY IN AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF THE ELECTION AT WHICH THE QUESTION IS TO BE VOTED ON.

(C) STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES.