

XIV of this Constitution, and the Governor shall proclaim the result of the election, and, if it shall appear that the majority of the votes cast on any such measure were cast in favor thereof, the Governor shall by his proclamation declare the same having received a majority of the votes to have been adopted by the people of Maryland as a part of the laws of the State, to take effect thirty days after such election, and in like manner and with like effect the Governor shall proclaim the result of the local election as to any Public Local Law which shall have been submitted to the voters of any County or of the City of Baltimore.

SEC. 6.¹⁹³ No law, licensing, regulating, prohibiting, or submitting to local option, the manufacture or sale of malt or spirituous liquors, shall be referred or repealed under the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE XVII¹⁹⁴

QUADRENNIAL ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1.¹⁹⁵ The purpose of this Article is to reduce the number of elections by providing that all State and county elections shall be held only in every fourth year, and at the time provided by law for holding congressional elections, and to bring the terms of appointive officers into harmony with the changes effected in the time of the beginning of the terms of elective officers. The administrative and judicial officers of the State shall construe the provisions of this Article so as to effectuate that purpose. For the purpose of this Article only the word "officers" shall be construed to include those holding positions and other places of employment in the State and county governments whose terms are fixed by law, but it shall not include any appointments made by the Board of Public Works, nor appointments by the Governor for terms of three years.

SEC. 2.¹⁹⁶ Vacant.

SEC. 3.¹⁹⁷ All State and county officers elected by qualified voters (except judges of the Circuit Courts, judges of the Supreme Bench of

Baltimore City, judges of the Court of Appeals and judges of any intermediate courts of appeal) shall hold office for terms of four years, and until their successors shall qualify.

SEC. 4.¹⁹⁸ The term of office of all Judges and other officers, for whose election provision is made by this Constitution, shall, except in cases otherwise expressly provided herein, commence from the time of their Election. All such officers shall qualify as soon after their election as practicable, and shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices immediately upon their qualification.

SEC. 5.¹⁹⁹ All officers to be appointed by the Governor shall hold office for the terms fixed by law. All officers appointed by County Commissioners shall hold office for terms of four years, unless otherwise duly changed by law.

SEC. 6.²⁰⁰ The terms of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City and of the several counties shall commence on the first Monday of June next ensuing their appointment.

SEC. 7.²⁰¹ Sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 of this Article do not apply or refer to members of any elective local board of education.

SEC. 8.²⁰² If at any election directed by this Constitution, any two or more candidates shall have the highest and an equal number of votes, a new election shall be ordered by the Governor, except in cases specially provided for by this Constitution.

SEC. 9.²⁰³ In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Article and any of the other provisions of the Constitution, the provisions of this Article shall prevail, and all other provisions shall be repealed or abrogated to the extent of such inconsistency.

¹⁹⁸ Originally Article XV, sec. 9, transferred and amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.

¹⁹⁹ Originally Article XVII, sec. 4, transferred by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.

²⁰⁰ Originally Article XVII, sec. 8, transferred by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.

²⁰¹ Originally Article XVII, sec. 1 (b), transferred and amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.

²⁰² Transferred from Article XV, sec. 4, by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.

²⁰³ Transferred from Article XVII, sec. 13, by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.

¹⁹³ Thus amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.

¹⁹⁴ Added by Chapter 227, Acts of 1922, ratified November 7, 1922.

¹⁹⁵ Originally Article XVII, sec. 11, transferred and amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.

¹⁹⁶ Left vacant by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.

¹⁹⁷ Originally Article XVII, sec. 1 (a), transferred and amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.