

a new Section 5 to Article 17, to follow immediately after Section 4 thereof, providing that in any county, including Baltimore City, having a County Board of Education or a Board of School Commissioners subject to popular election, the members shall be elected and hold office for terms of six years OR SUCH OTHER TERMS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, making an exception for these officers as to certain other provisions of Article 17, EXEMPTING MEMBERS OF ANY ELECTIVE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SUBJECT TO POPULAR ELECTION FROM SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 11 OF THIS ARTICLE, and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses concurring), That the following amendments be and the same are hereby proposed to Article 17 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Quadrennial Elections," by repealing and re-enacting, with amendments, Section 1 and by adding a new Section 5, to follow immediately after Section 4 thereof, the same, if adopted by the qualified voters of the State, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:*

1.

(a) All State 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), and all county officers elected by qualified voters, shall hold office for terms of four years, and until their successors shall qualify.

(b) *Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 11 of this Article do not apply or refer to members of any elective county branch of education or board of school commissioners (by whatever name known) in any county or Baltimore City.* LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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*In any county (including Baltimore City) having a county board of education or board of school commissioners (by whatever name known) subject to election by the qualified voters, the members shall be elected and hold office for terms of six years OR SUCH OTHER TERMS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The law establishing the elective board shall provide elections at intervals to assure that a majority of the total number of members is not elected at any one election.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the foregoing sections hereby proposed as amendments to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next general election to be held in this State in November 1972, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against the Constitutional Amendments" as now prescribed by law, and, immediately after said election, all returns shall be made to the*