

CHAPTER 119

(Senate Bill 510)

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Election and Terms of Office for ~~County Officers~~ the Board of County Commissioners

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland to exclude ~~certain county officers of the Board of County Commissioners for Cecil County~~ from certain requirements that county elections be conducted on a certain quadrennial basis and that certain terms of office of ~~certain county officers and certain officers appointed by the Board of County Commissioners~~ be for a certain term; submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection; and generally relating to certain requirements for quadrennial elections and certain terms of office of ~~certain county officers of the Board of County Commissioners for Cecil County.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendment sections of the Constitution of Maryland

Article XVII – Quadrennial Elections

Section 1, 2, 3, and 5

BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland

Article XVII – Quadrennial Elections

Section 7

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 it be proposed that the Constitution of Maryland read as follows:

Article XVII – Quadrennial Elections

1.

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.