

1 did not permit the separate classification of land and
2 hence the attempt to so classify it by the General Assem-
3 bly without constitutional authority was invalid. As a
4 result of that, the agricultural interests in the State
5 proposed to the General Assembly, and it was adopted ,
6 two amendments to the Constitution, one which is found
7 in present Article 15 and authorizes the separate classi-
8 fication of land for such purposes as the General
9 Assembly may desire, and also in Article 43, the General
10 Assembly passed a bill which would amend that Article
11 to say as follows:

12 Land which are inactively devoted to farm or
13 agricultural use shall be assessed on the basis of such
14 use and shall not be assessed as if subdivided or on any
15 other basis. So the agricultural interests and those
16 interested in the preservation of open spaces launched
17 a two-pronged attack on this subject. The General Assem-
18 bly accepted this. The Constitution was amended in two
19 respects. It was submitted to the vote of the people
20 in 1960. It was very strongly backed editorially by the
21 Baltimore Sun and by other less well-known newspapers in