

CHAPTER 460

(Senate Bill 195)

AN ACT to add new Section 4B to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 4 thereof, to provide for a referendum procedure for ~~acts, ordinances, and resolutions adopted or passed~~ CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS TAKEN by the Prince George's County Commissioners.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 4B be and it is hereby added to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 4 thereof, and to read as follows:

4B.

(a) In Prince George's County, any act, ordinance and resolution, adopted or passed by the County Commissioners, except any act, ordinance or resolution imposing a tax, or making an appropriation for the county government or any county institution, may be petitioned by the voters of that county to be submitted for approval or rejection by them at the next regular election held in that county. Acts, ordinances and resolutions adopted or passed by the County Commissioners of Prince George's County shall become effective on the August 15th immediately following their adoption or passage, except that those adopted or passed by a yea and nay vote of four-fifths of the Commission shall become effective immediately upon passage or adoption and upon satisfying the requirements of Section 4 of this Article. The referendum petitions must be filed with the Board of Supervisors of Elections prior to August 15 following the adoption or passage of the act, ordinance or resolution and must bear the signatures of at least five per centum of those voting for Governor in Prince George's County in the last general election. Upon proper filing of the petition, the act, ordinance or resolution shall not become effective until thirty days after its approval by a majority of the voters voting thereon at the next regular election held in the county, except that any act, ordinance and resolution adopted or passed by a four-fifths vote of the Commissioners shall remain in force notwithstanding the petition, but shall stand repealed thirty days after having been rejected by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.

(b) The Board of Supervisors of Elections of Prince George's County shall adopt rules and regulations specifying the form of the referendum petition and the procedure for filing such form and submission of petitioned acts, ordinances and resolutions to the voters.

(A) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ANY ACTION HAVING A LEGISLATIVE EFFECT AND PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXCEPT: (1) THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX, AND IN THE EXERCISE OF BONDING AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX, (2) THE MAKING OF AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OR