

or congressional election occurring after the filing of this petition on the following proposed amendment of the Montgomery County Charter: (setting forth the complete text of proposed amendment).

*Section 2.* Section 2-2, title "Same—Information required ; signatures," of Chapter 2, title "Administration," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2-2. Same—Information required ; signatures.

(a) Following such petition, there shall be the signatures of the petitioners who shall be registered voters of the county. Opposite the signature of each signer, which shall be written by himself in his own handwriting and not by his mark, there shall appear his residence address, including post office, and the district and precinct in which he is a registered voter. Below the signature of each signer his name shall be copied in print lettering by hand or mechanical means.

(b) Below the signatures there shall appear an affidavit made before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths in the state stating that each signature on the sheet was affixed in the presence of the affiant, that each such signature is the signature of the signer, that each signer is a registered voter of the county, and that each signer affixed his signature as his voluntary act. Any one affidavit may apply to or cover any number of signatures to the petition.

(c) All sheets of a petition duly filed for a referendum on a proposed amendment shall constitute a single petition for such referendum on that amendment. The total number of signatures of different registered voters attached to the sheets constituting a single petition shall be not less than that number required by the Charter if under the Constitution of Maryland the Charter controls, otherwise as provided in the Constitution.

*Section 3.* Section 2-3, title "Same—Filing of petition ; publication of amendment," of Chapter 2, title "Administration," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2-3. Same—Filing of petition ; publication of amendment.

All sheets of a referendum petition shall be filed with the president of the council on or before the date prescribed by public general law of the state or the Charter of the County, whichever shall be applicable. If such date is not prescribed by public general law or Charter, then such filing shall occur not later than sixty days preceding the date of the next regular, general or congressional election at which such proposed amendment is to be submitted to the voters of the county. Within seven days after such filing, the president of the council shall forward such petition to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, which shall notify the council or the president thereof whether or not such petition is valid. If notified that the petition so filed is a valid petition requiring a referendum thereon, the president of the council shall cause such amendment to be published once a week for five successive weeks prior to the election at which it is to be voted upon in at least one newspaper published in the County. Such publication shall also state that the amendment will be submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection at the next regular, general or congressional election, as the case may be, and shall state the date of such election.

*Section 4.* Section 2-4, title "Proposal of amendments of Charter by council—Procedure generally," of Chapter 2, title "Administration," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: