

DESCRIBING THE PROPERTY WHOSE ANNEXATION IS TO BE DISCUSSED, AND SPECIFYING THE DAY, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. IMMEDIATELY UPON THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE, A COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY AND ANY REGIONAL AND STATE PLANNING AGENCIES HAVING JURISDICTION WITHIN THE COUNTY. EACH OF THESE AGENCIES AND JURISDICTIONS SHALL HAVE THE FIRST RIGHT TO BE HEARD AT THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING, AFTER WHICH THE HEARING SHALL BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

(i) On the date and at the places specified, the resolution proposing a change in the corporate boundaries of the municipal corporation shall be submitted to a referendum election of the qualified voters of the municipal corporation or of the persons who reside in the area to be annexed and who are registered as voters in county elections in the precinct or precincts in which the territory to be annexed is located, or both, depending upon whether a petition for referendum has been presented by the residents of the municipal corporation, or by the residents of the area proposed to be annexed or by both such sets of residents. THE PETITION FOR REFERENDUM PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY SHALL BE ACTED UPON IN THE SAME MANNER AS A PETITION FOR REFERENDUM PRESENTED BY THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED. The ballots or the voting machines, as the case may be, shall contain a summary of the resolution, with suitable provision for the voter to indicate a choice for or against it.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 19(h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p) and (q), respectively, of Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and they are hereby renumbered to be Sections 19(i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (p), (q), (r) and (s), respectively.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 19(h) and (o) be and they are hereby added to Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal

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(H) AT ANY TIME WITHIN THE 45 DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING THE FINAL ENACTMENT OF THE RESOLUTION, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES IN WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY IS