

levels, giving the General Assembly authority to appoint a replacement for any State elected or appointed officer who is unavailable to perform his duties, providing alternative means of publishing amendments to the Constitution, and reducing the number of years required of a public officer to be in office before an incumbent public officer's salary may be changed.

At the November 1978 general election the following proposed Constitutional Amendments failed to gain voter approval: granting right of prior entry on vacant land in Anne Arundel County, authorizing the State Treasurer to make and sell short-term notes, and granting Chestertown in Kent County quick-take condemnation authority.

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