

34.

(d) *In Carroll County and Frederick County, summons, which shall include as a part thereof a copy of the statement of claim shall be served upon the defendant named therein, either by constable or, in suits for money judgments, when and as authorized by rule as hereinafter provided, by registered mail with return receipt, or by certified mail with return receipt. Where service is by registered mail, or by certified mail, the clerk shall enclose the summons and a copy of the statement of claim in an envelope addressed to the defendant, prepay the postage and mail the same forthwith, noting on the records the day and hour of mailing. Such receipt when returned shall be attached by the clerk to the original statement of claim and shall constitute prima facie evidence of service upon the defendant. If such receipt is not returned within such time as shall be prescribed by rule, personal service upon such defendant shall be made by constable. Any such mail summons shall constitute effective service even though not delivered if (1) such nondelivery is caused by the addressee's or addressee's agent's refusal to accept delivery and (2) the clerk mails such summons to the addressee by ordinary mail at least ~~three~~ FIVE days before the date fixed for the trial. Notations by an authorized postal employee to the effect that the addressee or his agent has refused delivery shall be prima facie evidence thereof.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.*

Approved May 5, 1970

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CHAPTER 558  
(Senate Bill 496)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Article 36 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Declaration of Rights," providing for religious freedom and permitting religious readings or prayer and reference to a Supreme Being in certain instances, and providing for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses concurring), That an amendment be and it is hereby proposed to Article 36 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Declaration of Rights," the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:*

36.

That as it is the duty of every man to worship God in such manner as he thinks most acceptable to Him, all persons are equally entitled to protection in their religious liberty; wherefore, no person ought by any law to be molested in his person or estate, on account of his