

amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.

Approved May 17, 1976.

CHAPTER 550

(Senate Bill 42)

AN ACT concerning

New Counties - Reference to Race in Number
of Inhabitants

FOR the purpose of removing reference to race in number of inhabitants required to form new counties or change county lines and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland

Article XIII - New Counties
Section 1

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 the following be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 1 of Article XIII - New Counties, of the Constitution of Maryland, the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:

Article XIII - New Counties

1.

The General Assembly may provide, by Law, for organizing new Counties, locating and removing county seats, and changing county lines; but no new county shall be organized without the consent of the majority of the legal voters residing within the limits proposed to be formed into said new county; and whenever a new county shall be proposed to be formed out of portions of two or more counties, the consent of a majority of the legal voters of such part of each of said counties, respectively, shall be required; nor shall the lines of any county nor of Baltimore City be changed without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the district, which under said proposed change, would