

reference to the election of members of the House of Delegates, and duplicates thereof directly to the Governor; and the several Clerks, aforesaid shall return to the Governor, within ten days after said election, the number of ballots cast for or against the Constitution, and the number of blank ballots; and the Governor, upon receiving the returns, from the Judges of Election or the Clerks as aforesaid and ascertaining the aggregate vote throughout the State, shall, by his Proclamation, make known the same; and if a majority of the votes cast shall be for the adoption of this Constitution, it shall go into effect on Saturday, the Fifth day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Done in Convention, the seventeenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-second.

Richd. B. Carmichael,
President of the Convention

Attest:
Milton Y. Kidd,
Secretary]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, ~~under~~ BECAUSE THE PROVISION IS NOT OBSOLETE, INACCURATE, INVALID, UNCONSTITUTIONAL, OR DUPLICATIVE AS REQUIRED BY Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution of Maryland, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next general election to be held in this State in November, 1978, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against the Constitutional Amendments," as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.

Approved April 26, 1977.