

included in the Budget without revision.

(12) The Governor may provide for public hearings on all estimates and may require the attendance at such hearings of representatives of all agencies, and for all institutions applying for State moneys. After such public hearings he may, in his discretion, revise all estimates except those for the legislative and judiciary departments, and for the public schools, as provided by law, AND EXCEPT THAT HE MAY NOT REDUCE AN ESTIMATE FOR A PROGRAM BELOW A LEVEL OF FUNDING PRESCRIBED BY A LAW WHICH WILL BE IN EFFECT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COVERED BY THE BUDGET, AND WHICH WAS ENACTED BEFORE JULY 1 OF THE FISCAL YEAR PRIOR THERETO.

SECTION 2. 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 May 29, 1978.

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CHAPTER 972

(Senate Bill 507)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County - Right  
of Prior Entry on Vacant Land

FOR the purpose of allowing upon approval of the Anne Arundel County Council that land in Anne Arundel County not improved with buildings and determined to be necessary and in immediate need for public use, may after a certain finding, be taken by the County upon payment to the owner or into court of an amount determined by certain appraisers to be the property value; requiring additional payment if awarded by a jury; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.