

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all cigarettes used, possessed or held in the State of Maryland by any person for sale or use in the State of Maryland shall be subject to the full tax imposed by this Act. This requirement includes (1) cigarettes in vending machines or other mechanical dispensers; and (2) cigarettes (generally referred to as "floor stock") in packages which already bear stamps issued by the Comptroller under the State Tobacco Tax Act but for an amount less than the full tax imposed of 6 1/2 cents for each ten cigarettes or fractional part thereof; all cigarettes held for sale by any person in the State of Maryland on and after the effective date of this Act which bear a tax stamp issued by the Comptroller of a value less than 13 cents for each pack of 20 cigarettes must be stamped with the additional stamps necessary to make the aggregate value equal to 13 cents. In lieu of the additional stamps necessary to make the aggregate tax value equal to 13 cents, the Comptroller may provide an alternate method of collecting the additional tax. Except as provided above on and after the effective date of this Act, no Maryland stamp shall be used except the stamp issued by the Comptroller to evidence the statewide tax of 13 cents imposed by this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 20, 1980.

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CHAPTER 523

(Senate Bill 784)

AN ACT concerning

The Judiciary Department - Supreme Bench Consolidation

FOR the purpose of revising generally the Judiciary Article to the Constitution by creating the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and providing for its jurisdiction, organization, judges, clerks, officers, and employees; repealing provisions concerning the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City and its courts; correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain language; repealing certain obsolete and inconsistent provisions; providing certain related interim provisions under the Provisions of Limited Duration Article of the Constitution and assigning a section number to the existing language under that Article; relating generally to the Judiciary Department; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; and submitting this Amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.