

such signatures and the fact that the persons so signing are registered voters shall be evidenced by the affidavit of one or more registered voters of the City or County in which said voters so signing are registered, and one affidavit may apply to or cover any number of signatures to such petition.] THERE SHALL BE ATTACHED TO EACH PAPER OF SIGNATURES FILED WITH A PETITION AN AFFIDAVIT OF THE PERSON PROCURING THOSE SIGNATURES THAT THE SIGNATURES WERE AFFIXED IN HIS PRESENCE AND THAT, BASED UPON THE PERSON'S BEST KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, EVERY SIGNATURE ON THE PAPER IS GENUINE AND BONA FIDE AND THAT THE SIGNERS ARE REGISTERED VOTERS AT THE ADDRESS SET OPPOSITE OR BELOW THEIR NAMES. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PRESCRIBE BY LAW THE FORM OF THE PETITION, THE MANNER FOR VERIFYING ITS AUTHENTICITY, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES WHICH FACILITATE THE PETITION PROCESS AND WHICH ARE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ARTICLE. The false signing of any name, or the signing of any fictitious name to said petition shall be forgery, and the making of any false affidavit in connection with said petition shall be perjury. -}-

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Article XVI - The Referendum

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A petition may consist of several papers, but each paper shall contain the full text, or an accurate summary approved by the Attorney General, of the Act or part of Act petitioned [upon. There shall be attached to each paper of signatures filed with a petition an affidavit of the person procuring the signatures on such paper that of the person's best knowledge and belief every signature on it is genuine and bona fide, and that the signers are registered voters of the State of Maryland, and of the City of Baltimore, or County, as the case may be, as set opposite their names. The General Assembly shall prescribe by law the form of the petition for referendum, the manner for verifying the authenticity of petitions and other administrative procedures necessary and not in conflict with this Article]. ANY---PETITION---UNDER---THIS---ARTICLE---SHALL---SATISFY---THE REQUIREMENTS--PRESCRIBED--BY--LAW--BY--THE--GENERAL--ASSEMBLY.--THE GENERAL--ASSEMBLY--SHALL--MAKE--PROVISION--FOR--THE--ESTABLISHMENT OF--REQUIREMENTS--AS--TO--THE--FORM,--CONTENT,--AND--FILING--OF PETITIONS,--THE--ADEQUACY--AND--AUTHENTICITY--OF--SIGNATURES,--AND ANY--PROCEDURES--NECESSARY--TO--ASSURE--COMPLIANCE--WITH--THIS ARTICLE--AND--OTHER--REQUIREMENTS--OF--LAW. THERE SHALL BE ATTACHED TO EACH PAPER OF SIGNATURES FILED WITH A PETITION