

CHAPTER 793

(Senate Bill 166)

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly - Veto and Consent Calendars

FOR the purpose of authorizing the General Assembly to adopt by rule a veto calendar and a first-reading consent calendar procedure that permits vetoed bills and first reader bills to be considered and voted upon as a single group, after notice and opportunity to remove bills from the respective calendar; clarifying language and punctuation; 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 II - Executive Department
Section 17**

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**Article III - Legislative Department
Section 27**

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 it be proposed that the Constitution of Maryland read as follows:

Article II - Executive Department

17.

(A) To guard against hasty or partial legislation and encroachment of the Legislative Department upon the co-ordinate Executive and Judicial Departments, every Bill [which shall have] passed BY the House of Delegates and the Senate [shall], before it becomes a law, SHALL be presented to the Governor of the State[; if he]. IF THE GOVERNOR approves he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it with his objections to the House in which it originated, which House shall enter the objections at large on its Journal and proceed to reconsider the Bill[; if]. EACH HOUSE MAY ADOPT BY RULE A VETO CALENDAR PROCEDURE THAT PERMITS BILLS THAT ARE TO BE RECONSIDERED TO BE READ AND VOTED UPON AS A SINGLE GROUP. THE MEMBERS OF EACH HOUSE SHALL BE AFFORDED REASONABLE NOTICE OF THE BILLS TO BE PLACED ON EACH VETO CALENDAR. UPON THE OBJECTION OF A MEMBER, ANY BILL SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE VETO CALENDAR. IF, after such reconsideration,