

~~stylistic changes~~; providing for the application of this Act; 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 XI-A – Local Legislation

Section 1 and 1A

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 XI-A – Local Legislation

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(A) ~~On demand of the Mayor [of Baltimore] and City Council of [the City of] Baltimore, or on petition bearing the signatures of [not less than 20%] AT LEAST 10% of the registered voters of [said] BALTIMORE City or OF any [County (Provided, however, that in any case 10,000 signatures shall be sufficient to complete a petition),] COUNTY, OR 10,000 REGISTERED VOTERS OF BALTIMORE CITY OR OF THE COUNTY, WHICHEVER IS LESS, the Board of Election Supervisors of [said] BALTIMORE City or [County] OF THE COUNTY shall provide at the next general or congressional election, [occurring after such demand or the filing of such petition,] for the election of a charter board of [eleven] 7 registered voters of [said] BALTIMORE City or [five registered voters in any such Counties] OF THE COUNTY.~~

(B) (1) ~~Nominations for members for [said] THE charter board may be made not less than [forty] 40 days prior to [said] THE election by the Mayor [of Baltimore] and City Council of [the City of] Baltimore or BY the County Commissioners of [such County] THE COUNTY, or not less than [twenty] 20 days prior to [said] THE election by petition bearing the signatures [written in their own handwriting (and not by their mark) of not less than] OF AT LEAST 5% of the registered voters of [the said] BALTIMORE City [of Baltimore] or [said County; provided, that in any case Two thousand signatures of registered voters shall be sufficient to complete any such nominating petition, and if] OF THE COUNTY, OR 2,000 REGISTERED VOTERS OF BALTIMORE CITY OR OF THE COUNTY, WHICHEVER IS LESS. EACH SIGNATURE SHALL BE IN THE VOTER'S OWN HANDWRITING AND NOT BY THE VOTER'S MARK.~~

(2) ~~IF not more than [eleven] 7 registered voters of [the City of] Baltimore CITY or [not more than five registered voters in any such County] OF A COUNTY are [so] nominated their names shall not be printed on the ballot[, but said eleven registered voters in the City of Baltimore or five in such County shall] AND THE NOMINEES SHALL constitute [said] THE charter board [from and after] EFFECTIVE the date of [said] THE election.~~

(3) ~~At [said] THE election the ballot shall contain the names of [said] THE nominees in alphabetical order without any indication of the source of their nomination[, and shall also be so arranged as to]. THE BALLOT SHALL permit the voter to vote for~~