

CHAPTER 49
(House Bill 123)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Referendum Petitions and Ballot Questions

FOR the purpose of clarifying certain procedural matters related to the qualification and certification of certain ballot questions; specifying the venue for a judicial review proceeding regarding an election official's determination concerning a referendum petition under Article XVI of the Maryland Constitution; altering the notice requirements for ballot questions; altering the definition of "local petition"; defining a certain term; and generally relating to ~~procedures for qualifying and certifying referendum petitions and~~ ballot questions.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments,

Article 33 – Election Code

Section 6-101(g), 6-209(a), 7-104, 7-105, 7-106, and 9-211

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 33 – Election Code

Section 7-103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 33 – Election Code

6-101.

(g) "Local petition" means a petition:

- (1) On which the signatures from only one county may be counted; and
- (2) That does not seek to:

(i) Refer a public ~~general~~ LOCAL law ~~OR PUBLIC LOCAL LAW~~ enacted by the General Assembly; or

(ii) Nominate an individual for an office for which a certificate of candidacy is required to be filed with the State Board.

6-209.

(a) (1) A person aggrieved by a determination made under § 6-202, § 6-206, or § 6-208(a)(2) of this subtitle may seek judicial review: