

2. THE PETITION IS DISAPPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY.

(IV) A PETITION SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 16, § 4 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.

(V) THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS OF THE COUNTY SHALL VERIFY THE REGISTRATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS SIGNING THE PETITION AND, IF THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF QUALIFIED VOTERS IS VERIFIED, PLACE THE SUBSTANTIAL REWRITE, REPLACEMENT, OR REPEAL OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE ON THE BALLOT IN FREDERICK COUNTY AT A SPECIAL ELECTION OR AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION.

(3) THE COST OF THE REFERENDUM, IF ANY, SHALL BE PAID BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(3) (4) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE FOR AND HOLD THE REFERENDUM.

(4) (5) (I) IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE QUESTION ARE "FOR THE REFERRED LAW", THE ENACTMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ENACTMENT.

(II) IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE QUESTION ARE "AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW", THE PROVISIONS OF THE ENACTMENT ARE OF NO EFFECT.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Election Law

8-401.

(a) A special primary election and a special general election may be held at a time other than the date of a regular primary election and a regular general election:

(1) To fill a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress; [or]

(2) To fill a vacancy in the county council if the charter of that county provides for special elections; OR

(3) FOR A FREDERICK COUNTY ZONING REFERENDUM UNDER ARTICLE 66B, § 14.06 OF THE CODE.

SECTION 2. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.