

1 in one bill a series of amendments to the Constitution of Maryland for the general
2 purpose of removing or correcting constitutional provisions which are obsolete,
3 inaccurate, invalid, unconstitutional, or duplicative; or (2) embodying in a single
4 Constitutional amendment one or more Articles of the Constitution so long as that
5 Constitutional amendment embraces only a single subject. The bill or bills proposing
6 amendment or amendments shall be publicized[, either by publishing,] by order of
7 the Governor, [in at least two newspapers, in each County, where so many may be
8 published, and where not more than one may be published, then in that newspaper,
9 and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, once a week for four
10 weeks, or as otherwise ordered by the Governor] in a manner provided by law,
11 immediately preceding the next ensuing general election, at which the proposed
12 amendment or amendments shall be submitted, in a form to be prescribed by the
13 General Assembly, to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection. The
14 votes cast for and against said proposed amendment or amendments, severally, shall
15 be returned to the Governor, in the manner prescribed in other cases, and if it shall
16 appear to the Governor that a majority of the votes cast at said election on said
17 amendment or amendments, severally, were cast in favor thereof, the Governor shall,
18 by his proclamation, declare the said amendment or amendments having received
19 said majority of votes, to have been adopted by the people of Maryland as part of the
20 Constitution thereof, and thenceforth said amendment or amendments shall be part
21 of the said Constitution. If the General Assembly determines that a proposed
22 Constitutional amendment affects only one county or the City of Baltimore, the
23 proposed amendment shall be part of the Constitution if it receives a majority of the
24 votes cast in the State and in the affected County or City of Baltimore, as the case
25 may be. When two or more amendments shall be submitted to the voters of this State
26 at the same election, they shall be so submitted as that each amendment shall be
27 voted on separately.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
29 determines that the amendment to the Constitution of Maryland proposed by this Act
30 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, Section 1 of the
31 Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not apply.

32 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
33 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland shall be submitted to the
34 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
35 November, 1998 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in
36 Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this
37 proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot
38 there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against
39 the Constitutional Amendments," as now provided by law. Immediately after the
40 election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the
41 proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further
42 proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.

