

**SENATE BILL 906**  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Senator Della**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Constitutional Amendment - Omnibus Corrective and Curative Legislation**

3 FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland  
4 prohibiting the General Assembly from passing omnibus corrective or curative  
5 legislation that results in substantive changes to the laws of this State; and  
6 submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for  
7 their adoption or rejection.

8 BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland  
9 Article III - Legislative Department  
10 Section 29

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses  
13 concurring), That it be proposed that the Constitution of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article III - Legislative Department**

15 29.

16 The style of all Laws of this State shall be, "Be it enacted by the General  
17 Assembly of Maryland;" and all Laws shall be passed by original bill; and every Law  
18 enacted by the General Assembly shall embrace but one subject, and that shall be  
19 described in its title; and no Law, nor section of Law, shall be revived, or amended by  
20 reference to its title, or section only; nor shall any Law be construed by reason of its  
21 title, to grant powers, or confer rights which are not expressly contained in the body  
22 of the Act; NOR SHALL THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACT OMNIBUS CURATIVE OR  
23 CORRECTIVE LEGISLATION THAT RESULTS IN SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE LAWS  
24 OF THIS STATE; and it shall be the duty of the General Assembly, in amending any  
25 article, or section of the Code of Laws of this State, to enact the same, as the said  
26 article, or section would read when amended. And whenever the General Assembly  
27 shall enact any Public General Law, not amendatory of any section, or article in the  
28 said Code, it shall be the duty of the General Assembly to enact the same, in articles

1 and sections, in the same manner, as the Code is arranged, and to provide for the  
2 publication of all additions and alterations, which may be made to the said Code.

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

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section  
8 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland shall be submitted to the  
9 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in  
10 November, 2000 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in  
11 Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this  
12 proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot  
13 there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against  
14 the Constitutional Amendments," as now provided by law. Immediately after the  
15 election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the  
16 proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further  
17 proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.