

Chapter 9

(Senate Bill 26)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Constitutional Convention – Sense of the Voters

FOR the purpose of providing, at the general election to be held in November 2010, for the taking of the sense of the voters of the State as to the calling of a convention for altering the Maryland Constitution or for framing a new one under Article XIV, Section 2 of the Maryland Constitution.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(1) At the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the year 2010, there shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State, for their decision, the question whether there shall be called a convention for the purpose of altering the Maryland Constitution or of framing a new Constitution, this question being submitted under the provisions of Section 2 of Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution.

(2) There shall be placed upon the ballots to be used at that general election in the manner prescribed by the General Election Laws of this State the words "For a Constitutional Convention" and "Against a Constitutional Convention," so that each voter may clearly indicate in the manner prescribed in the General Election Laws whether the voter is for or against calling a convention for altering the present Maryland Constitution or framing a new one.

(3) The vote on the question of calling or not calling a constitutional convention shall be received, counted, and canvassed in the manner prescribed by the General Election Laws. The canvassing boards for each of the counties and the City of Baltimore shall certify the vote on the question of calling a constitutional convention to the Governor and the State Board of Elections. The Board of State Canvassers, at the time of its meeting to make a statement of the vote cast for the candidates voted for at that election, also shall make a statement of the vote cast on the question of calling a constitutional convention. The Board of State Canvassers shall transmit the statement to the Governor who, after receiving the statement, shall make a proclamation of the result of the vote on the question of calling a constitutional convention.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That notice of the question of calling a constitutional convention that is to be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State shall be given in the same manner and for the same time as is

required by § 8-102 (Notice of Elections) of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.