PROCLAMATION

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Maryland.

WHEREAS, at the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, Acts were passed proposing amendments to Section 3 of Article 1; Section 27 of Article 3; Section 9 of Article 5; Section 3 of Article 5; Section 21 of Article 4; and adding a proposed new Section to Article 3; of the Constitution of this State, which said Acts are in the following words, to wit:

CHAPTER 402.

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Article 3 of the Constitution of this State by adding a new Section, to be known as 40A; and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring), That the following new section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article 3, title "Legislative Department," of the Constitution of this State, the same to be inserted after Section 40 and to be numbered 40A, and if adopted by the legally qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, said section shall become a part of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland.

40A. The General Assembly shall enact no law authorizing private property to be taken for public use without just compensation, to be agreed upon between the parties or awarded by a jury, being first paid or tendered to the party entitled to such compensation, but where such property is situated in Baltimore City and is desired by this State or by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the General Assembly may provide for the appointment of appraisers by a Court of Record to value such property, and that, upon payment of the amount of such valuation to the party entitled to compensation, or into Court and securing the payment of any further sum that may be awarded by a jury, such property may be taken.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said foregoing section, hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, shall at the next ensuing general election, to be held on Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, 1913, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said election the vote or said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said Article 14 of the Constitution.

Approved April 8, 1912.

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CHAPTER 497.

AN ACT to amend Section 27 of Article III, title "Legislative Department," of the Constitution of this State, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 27 of Article III, title "Legislative Department," of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof as herein provided, it shall supersede and stand in the place and stead of Section 27 of said Article III.

SEC. 27. Any bill may originate in either House of the General Assembly and be altered, amended or rejected by the other, but no bill shall originate in either House during the last ten days of the session, unless two-thirds of the members elected thereto shall so determine by yeas and nays; nor shall any bill become a law until it be read on three different days of the session in each House, unless two-thirds of the members elected to the house where such bill is pending shall so determine by yeas and nays, and no bill shall be read a third time until it shall have been actually engrossed or printed for a third reading.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be at the next general election for members of the General Assembly of Maryland, to be held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State, and at said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment," and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment as directed by said Article XIV of the Constitution.

Approved April 8, 1912.

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CHAPTER 515.

AN ACT to amend Section 21 of Article 4, title "Judiciary Department," sub-title "Part III, Circuit Courts," of the Constitution of this State, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, three-fifths of all the members of the two houses concurring, that the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 21 of Article 4, title "Judiciary Department," sub-title "Part III, Circuit Courts," of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof as herein provided, it shall supersede and stand in the place and stead of Section 21 of said Article 4.

SEC. 21. For each of the said circuits (excepting the eighth and third) there shall be a chief judge and two associate judges, to be styled Judges of the Circuit Court to be elected or appointed as herein provided, and for the third circuit there shall be a Chief Judge and three associate judges to be styled Judges of the Circuit Court to be elected or appointed as herein provided.

And no two of said associate judges for any of the said circuits, except the third circuit shall, at the time of their election or appointment or during the term for which they may have been elected or appointed, reside in the same county. If two or more persons shall be candidates for associate judge in the same county in any of the circuits, except the third circuit, that one only in said county shall be declared elected who has the highest number of votes in the circuit. In case any two candidates for associate judge in any of the circuits, except the third circuit, residing in the same county, shall have an equal number of votes greater than any other candidate for associate judge in the circuit, it shall be the duty of the Governor to order a new election for one associate judge; but the person residing in any other county of the circuit and who has the next highest number of votes shall be declared elected. The said judges shall hold not less than two terms of the Circuit Court in each of the counties composing their respective circuits, at such times as are now or may hereafter be prescribed to which jurors shall be summoned; and in those counties where only two such terms are held, two other and intermediate terms, to which jurors shall not be summoned; they may alter or fix the times for holding any or all terms, until otherwise prescribed, and shall adopt rules to the end that all business not requiring the interposition of the jury shall be, as far as practicable, disposed of at said intermediate terms.

One judge in each of the above circuits, including the third circuit, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business; and the said judges, or any of them, may hold special terms of their Court, wherever in their discretion, the business of the several counties renders such terms necessary.

The additional associate judge for the third circuit herein provided for, shall be elected by the qualified voters of Baltimore and Harford Counties, at the first election that shall be held in said counties subsequent to the adoption of this amendment, and the judge so elected shall be subject to the same constitutional provisions, hold his office for the same term of years, receive the same compensation and have the same powers as are herein provided for the other associate judges in the third circuit.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be, at the next general election for members of the General Assembly to be held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment," and "Against Constitutional Amendment," as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election, due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment as directed by said Article 14 of the Constitution.

Approved April 8, 1912.

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CHAPTER 602.

AN ACT to amend Section 3 of Article 1, title "Elective Franchise," of the Constitution of this State, so as to permit the General Assembly to excuse the vote seller from any penalty for selling his vote and place the penalty for the purchase of votes upon the vote buyer alone, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 3 of Article 1, title "Elective Franchise," of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof as herein provided, said section shall supersede and stand in the place and stead of Section 3 of said Article 1 of the Constitution of Maryland.

SEC. 3. If any person shall give, or offer to give, directly or indirectly, any bribe, present or reward, or any promise, or any security, for the payment or delivery of money, or any other thing, to induce any voter to refrain from casting his vote, or to prevent him in any way from voting, or to procure a vote for any candidate or person proposed, or voted for as an elector of President and Vice-President of the United States, or Representative in Congress or for any office of profit or trust, created by the Constitution or Laws of this State, or by the Ordinances, or authority of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the person giving, or offering to give and the person receiving the same, and any person who gives or causes to be given, an illegal vote, knowing it to be such, at any election to be hereafter held in this State, shall, on conviction in a Court of Law, in addition to the penalties now or hereafter to be imposed by law, be forever disqualified to hold any office of profit or trust, or to vote at any election thereafter.

But the General Assembly may in its discretion remove the above penalty and all other penalties upon the vote seller so as to place the penalties for the purchase of votes on the vote buyer alone.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall at the next election for members of the General Assembly of this State to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, nineteen hundred and thirteen (1913), be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State; and at the said election the said proposed amendment shall be printed upon the official ballot and the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot shall be printed the words, "For the Constitutional Amendment," and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law with an appropriate box to vote for and against the same as the voter shall select. And upon said ballot the new words proposed to be added to said Section 3 of said Article 1, namely, the words: "But the General Assembly may in its discretion remove the above penalty and all other penalties upon the vote seller so as to place the penalties for the purchase of votes upon the vote buyer alone," shall be printed on the official ballot in italics so as to plainly indicate to the voter the said proposed charige in the Constitution, and immediately after said due election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment as directed by the said Article 14 of the said Constitution.

Approved April 11, 1912.

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CHAPTER 624.

AN ACT to amend Section 9 of Article 5, title "Attorney General and State's Attorney" of the Constitution of this State, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland (three-fifths of all members of each of the two houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 9 of Article 5, title "Attorney General and State's Attorney" of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, said section shall supersede and stand in the place and instead of Section 9 of said Article 5 of the Constitution of Maryland.

9. The State's Attorney shall perform such duties and receive such fees and commissions or salary, not exceeding three thousand dollars, as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law; and if any State's Attorney shall receive any other fee or reward than such as is or may be allowed by law, he shall, on conviction thereof, be removed from office; provided, that the State's Attorney for Baltimore City shall receive an annual salary of fifty-four hundred dollars and shall have power to appoint one deputy at an annual salary not exceeding four thousand dollars, and such other assistants at such annual salaries, not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars each, as the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may authorize and approve; all of said salaries to be paid out of the fees of the said State's Attorney's office, as has heretofore been practiced.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall at the next election for members of the General Assembly of this State, to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, nineteen hundred and thirteen (1913), be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State; and at the said election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For Constitutional Amendment," and "Against Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said Article 14 of the said Constitution.

Approved April 11, 1912.

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CHAPTER 663.

AN ACT to amend Section 3 of Article 5 of the Constitution of this State, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the houses concurring, That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution of this State, and, if adopted, by the legal and qualified voters thereof as herein and by law provided, it shall supersede and stand in the place and stead of Section 3 of said Article.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Attorney General to prosecute and defend on the part of the State all cases which at the time of his appointment and qualification and which thereafter may be depending in the Court of Appeals, or in the Supreme Court of the United States, by or against the State, or wherein the State may be interested; and he shall give his opinion in writing whenever required by the General Assembly or either branch thereof, the Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or any State's Attorney, on any legal matter or subject depending before them or either of them; and when required by the Governor or General Assembly he shall aid any State's Attorney in prosecuting any suit or action brought by the State in any Court of the State, and he shall commence and prosecute or defend any suit or action in any of said courts, on the part of the State, which the General Assembly or the Governor, acting according to law, shall direct to be commenced, prosecuted or defended, and he shall have and perform such other duties and shall appoint such number of deputies or assistants as the General Assembly may from time to time by law prescribe; and he shall receive for his services an annual salary of three thousand dollars, or such annual salary as the General Assembly may from time to time by law prescribe; but he shall not be entitled to receive any fees, perquisites or rewards whatever in addition to the salary aforesaid for the performance of any official duty; nor shall the Governor employ any additional counsel in any case whatever, unless authorized by the General Assembly.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the foregoing section, hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State, shall be, at the next general election for members of the General Assembly, to be held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution; and at said election the vote on said proposed amendment shall be by ballot and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment," and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said fourteenth Article of the Constitution.

Approved April 11, 1912.

Now, Therefore, I, Phillips Lee Goldsborough, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of Section 1, of Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that a copy of each of said Acts proposing said amendments and additional section to the Constitution of Maryland, be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, one of which newspapers, in the City of Baltimore, shall be published in the German language, once a week for at least three months next preceding the next General Election, which election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 1913, and at which election the said above proposed amendments and additional section to the Constitution shall be submitted, in the form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the legal and qualified voters of the State, for their adoption or rejection.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis, on this 15th day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

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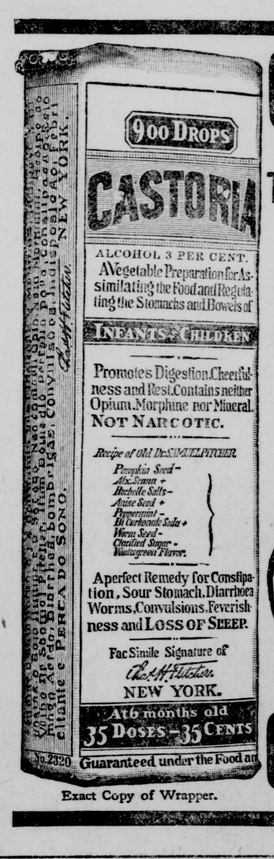
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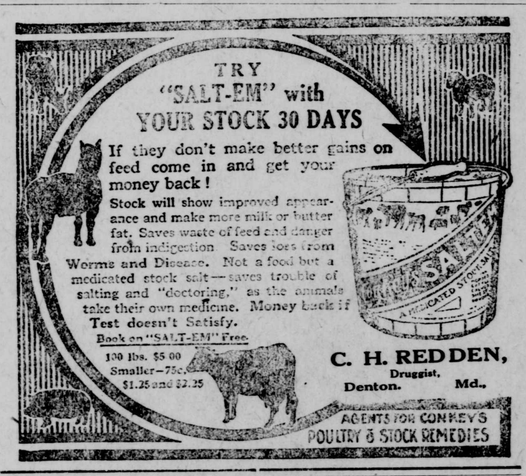
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