1944
PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF BILLS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE

Whereas, at the January session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year 1943, the following Acts were passed, providing for the submission of amendments to the Constitution of the State to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for adoption or rejection, namely:

CHAPTER 649

AN ACT to propose an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, by adding a new Article thereto, to follow immediately after Article XI-A, and to be known as Article XI-B, and to provide for the submission of said Amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland, 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 Article to follow immediately after Article XI-A, and to be known as Article XI-B, be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, which Article, if adopted by the qualified voters of the State of Maryland, as herein provided, shall thereby, by such adoption, be and become a part of the Constitution of Maryland.

XI-B
BALTIMORE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Section 1. The General Assembly of Maryland, by public local law, may authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to create a Baltimore Redevelopment Commission. Any public local law authorizing the creation of the Baltimore Redevelopment Commission shall contain the following provisions:

(a) The Baltimore Redevelopment Commission shall come into being only when the City Council of Baltimore shall pass a resolution that there is need for the establishment of such a Commission in the City of Baltimore. When the City Council of Baltimore adopts such a resolution, it shall promptly notify the Mayor of Baltimore City of such adoption. Upon receiving such notice and approving said resolution, the Mayor shall appoint five persons (or such additional number of persons as the General Assembly may provide in said public local law), as Commissioners of the Baltimore Redevelopment Commission. The Commissioners shall serve for such terms and shall receive such compensation the General Assembly may provide in said public local law.

(b) The Baltimore Redevelopment Commission, when created, shall have power and authority to acquire land in slums and blighted areas in Baltimore City by purchase, lease or condemnation, and to reconvey any such land by sale or lease for redevelopment, in accordance with a redevelopment plan for Baltimore City, provided that such redevelopment plan has first been approved by the Commission on City Plan of Baltimore City; and provided further that no such slum or blighted area to be acquired shall be less than eight acres or more than eighty acres. The term "slum" shall mean any area where dwellings predominate, which by reason of depreciation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, or any combination of these factors, are detrimental to the public safety, health or morals. The term "blighted area" shall mean an area in which a majority of the buildings have declined in productivity by reason of obsolescence, depreciation or other causes to an extent they no longer justify fundamental repairs and adequate maintenance.

(c) The Baltimore Redevelopment Commission shall have authority to use the power of eminent domain to acquire any land needed for any redevelopment project; provided, however, that the Baltimore Redevelopment Commission shall have first obtained options upon or shall have purchased at least 50 percentum of such land area required for any such redevelopment project. Property already devoted to a public use may be acquired by the Baltimore Redevelopment Commission; provided, however, that no real property belonging to the State of Maryland or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may be acquired **without** the consent of said State or of **said City**, as the case may be. No property **taken by** the Baltimore Redevelopment **Commission**, by exercise of the power of eminent domain, shall be taken without just compensation, as agreed upon between the parties, or awarded by a Jury.

(d) The Baltimore Redevelopment Commission shall have power to petition the United States of America for loans of money and to receive from the United States of America such loans to be used in the acquisition of land in slums and blighted areas for redevelopment and for use in the preparation of any redevelopment plan.

(e) The Baltimore Redevelopment Commission shall have power to reconvey any land acquired by it, either by purchase, lease or condemnation to any private corporation, companies, partnerships, or persons, for redevelopment and rebuilding, at a price consistent with the new uses which the Commission on City Plan shall prescribe for such land, even though such price may be below the original cost of acquisition. The Baltimore Redevelopment Commission shall have power to include in the terms of sale or leases of land to private corporations, companies, partnerships, or persons, provisions obligating the purchasers or lessees of such land to begin the building of improvements within a reasonable period of time; and to include in such contracts, appropriate covenants and restrictions to maintain standards of population density, property maintenance, character of the use of land, and architectural standards established in the redevelopment plan and approved by the Commission on City Plan of Baltimore City.

(f) The Baltimore Redevelopment Commission shall have no power to pledge the credit of, or in any way bind the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall not be liable in any way or manner whatsoever, for any of the obligations, contracts, or undertakings of the Baltimore Redevelopment Commission.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly of Maryland may grant the Baltimore Redevelopment Commission, any and all additional powers necessary and proper to carry into effect the above mentioned powers and purposes of said Commission, provided such additional powers are not inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Article XI-B, and with any other provisions of the Constitution of Maryland. The General Assembly may add such other and further limitations upon the powers and the exercise of such powers of the Baltimore Redevelopment Commission as it may deem proper and expedient.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the aforegoing Article hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, shall, at the Election to be held in November, 1944, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State of Maryland, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of Maryland, and at the said General Election, the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For Constitutional Amendment", and "Against Constitutional Amendment", as now provided by law, and immediately after said Election, due return shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and said proceedings had in accordance with said Article XIV.
Approved: May 6, 1943.

CHAPTER 320

AN ACT to propose an amendment to repeal Article 38 of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, said Article requiring the General Assembly to give its consent to gifts or sales of land to churches and to all gifts made by will to churches and denominations.

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 Article 38 of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, requiring the consent of the General Assembly to certain gifts to churches and denominations, be and it is hereby repealed if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the aforegoing amendment to the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Maryland shall, at the election to be had in November, 1944, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and at the said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words: "Amendment to repeal Article 38 of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution which requires the General Assembly to consent to conveyances and certain gifts to churches and denominations" and underneath thereof 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 proposed amendment, as directed by said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article 14.
Approved: April 30, 1943.

CHAPTER 476

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Amendments to the Constitution", relating to the advertisements or publication of amendments to the Constitution, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland 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 be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Amendments to the Constitution", the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

1. The General Assembly may propose Amendments to this Constitution; provided that each Amendment shall be embraced in a separate bill, embodying the Article or Section, as the same will stand when amended and passed by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses, by yeas and nays, to be entered on the Journals with the proposed Amendment. The bill or bills proposing amendment or amendments shall be published by order of the Governor, in at least two newspapers, in each County, where so many may be published, and where not more than one may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, once a week for four weeks immediately preceding the next ensuing general election, at which the proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted, in a form to be prescribed by the General Assembly, to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection. The votes cast for and against said proposed amendment or amendments, severally, shall be returned to the Governor, in the manner prescribed in other cases, and if it shall appear to the Governor that a majority of the votes cast at said election on said amendment or amendments, severally, were cast in favor thereof, the Governor shall, by his proclamation, declare the said amendment or amendments having received said majority of votes, to have been adopted by the people of Maryland as part of the Constitution thereof, and thenceforth said amendment or amendments shall be part of the said Constitution. When two or more amendments shall be submitted in manner aforesaid, to the voters of this State at the same election, they shall be so submitted as that each amendment shall be voted on separately.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That said aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland shall, at the next general election to be held in November, 1944, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and at the said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution 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 provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the said proposed amendment, as directed by said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article Fourteen.
Approved: April 30, 1943.

CHAPTER 772

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department", amending Section 5 (under sub-title "Part I—General Provisions"), Section 14 (under sub-title "Part II—Court of Appeals"), and Section 21 (under sub-title "Part III—Circuit Courts"), and adding a new section, to follow Section 18 (under sub-title "Part II—Court of Appeals") and to be designated Section 18A; providing for a Court of Appeals of five judges and relating to the number, selection, qualifications and duties of the judges of the Court of Appeals and other Courts; and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland 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 two Houses concurring), That the following sections be, and the same hereby are, proposed as an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department", amending Section 5 (under sub-title "Part I—General Provisions"), Section 14 (under sub-title "Part II—Court of Appeals"), and Section 21 (under sub-title "Part III—Circuit Courts"), and adding a new section, to follow Section 18 (under sub-title "Part II—Court of Appeals") and to be designated Section 18A, the same, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to supersede and stand in the place and stead of Sections 5, 14 and 21 of Article IV of the Constitution of Maryland.

PART 1—GENERAL

Sec. 5. Upon every occurrence or recurrence of a vacancy through death, resignation, removal, disqualification by reason of age or otherwise, or expiration of the term of fifteen years of any judge, or creation of the office of any judge, or in any other way, the Governor shall appoint a person duly qualified to fill said office, who shall hold the same until the election and qualification of his successor. His successor shall be elected at the first biennial general election for Representatives in Congress after the expiration of the term of fifteen years (if the vacancy occurred in that way) or the first such general election after one year after the occurrence of the vacancy in any other way than through expiration of such term. Except in case of reappointment of a judge upon expiration of his term of fifteen years, no person shall be appointed who will become disqualified by reason of age and thereby unable to continue to hold office until the prescribed time when his successor would have been elected.

PART II—COURT OF APPEALS

Sec. 14. Until January 1, 1945, the Court of Appeals shall be composed of the Judges in office on November 7, 1944. From and after January 1, 1945, the Court of Appeals shall be composed of five Judges, two from the City of Baltimore; one from the First Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties; one from the Second Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Harford, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties; and one from the Third Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Carroll, Howard, Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, Allegany and Garrett Counties; and during the continuance in office of Judges who were in office before January 1, 1945, not exceeding three additional Judges. The City of Baltimore shall, for the purposes of this section, be designated as the Fourth Appellate Judicial Circuit. The additional Judge from the Fourth Appellate Judicial Circuit shall be appointed by the Governor to serve until the election and qualification of his successor, as provided by Section 5 of this Article. Except as to such additional Judge, the Judges of said Court, in the first instance, shall be appointed by the Governor from their respective appellate Judicial Circuits but such appointments shall be made from among the elected Judges composing the Court of Appeals as of December 31, 1944. If, on December 31, 1944, there are no elected members of the Court of Appeals from any Appellate Judicial Circuit, the Governor shall designate the member of the Court of Appeals from that Appellate Judicial Circuit from among the appointed members of the Court of Appeals from that Appellate Judicial Circuit. If any Judge so appointed shall be a member of the Court of Appeals as of December 31, 1944, by virtue of having been elected to that office, his appointment shall be for the balance of the term for which he had theretofore been elected. The Judges so appointed from the First, Second and Third Appellate Judicial Circuits shall cease to be Chief Judges of their respective Circuits. Any elected Judges from Circuits, except the Eighth Circuit, in office on December 31, 1944, other than the three designated by the Governor as Judges of the Court of Appeals, shall be additional Judges of the Court of Appeals and shall continue to be Chief Judges of their respective Circuits and shall hold office for the residue of the terms for which they were elected. No successor to any such additional Judge shall be appointed or elected as Judge of the Court of Appeals or (except as provided in Section 21 of this Article) as Judge of his Circuit, but any such additional Judge shall be eligible to appointment as the member of the Court of Appeals from his respective Appellate Judicial Circuit. Any vacancy in any Appellate Judicial Circuit shall be filled by designation by the Governor of one of the additional Judges from such Appellate Judicial Circuit, if any, to hold office for the residue of the term for which he was originally elected. Upon his appointment or designation as a member of the Court of Appeals from his Appellate Judicial Circuit, such additional Judge shall cease to be the Chief Judge of his Circuit. The Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be elected by the qualified voters of their respective Appellate Judicial Circuits, their terms to begin on the date of their qualification. One of the judges of the Court of Appeals shall be designated by the Governor as the Chief Judge. The jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State and such as now is or may hereafter be prescribed by law. It shall hold its sessions in the City of Annapolis on the second Monday in January in the year 1945, and thereafter at such time or times as it shall from time to time by rule prescribe. Its session or sessions shall continue not less than ten months in each year, if the business before it shall so require, and it shall be competent for the judges temporarily to transfer their sittings elsewhere upon sufficient cause. The salary of each judge of the Court of Appeals shall be that now or hereafter prescribed by the General Assembly and shall not be diminished during his continuance in office. When the number of judges shall have become reduced to five, three of the judges shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority of a quorum shall be sufficient for the decision of any cause.

Sec. 18A. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be the administrative head of the judicial system of the State. He shall from time to time require, from each of the judges of the Circuit Courts for the several counties and of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, reports as to the judicial work and business of each of the judges and their respective courts. He may, in case of a vacancy or of illness, disqualification or other absence of one or more judges of the Court of Appeals, designate any judge of any of the Circuit Courts for the counties or of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City to sit in any case or for a specified period as a judge of the Court of Appeals in lieu of a judge of that court, and may designate, to sit as a judge of the Circuit Court for any county or of any Court or Courts of Baltimore City, either alone or with one or more other judges, in any case or for a specified period, any judge of the Court of Appeals or of any other Circuit Court or of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. In the absence of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals the provisions of this Section shall be applicable to the senior judge present. The powers of the Chief Judge under the aforegoing provisions of this section shall be subject to such rules and regulations, if any, as the Court of Appeals may make. The Court of Appeals from time to time shall make rules and regulations to regulate and revise the practice and procedure in that Court and in the other courts of this State, which shall have the force of law until rescinded, changed or modified by the Court of Appeals or otherwise by law. The power of the courts other than the Court of Appeals to make rules of practice and procedure shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Court of Appeals or otherwise by law.

PART III—CIRCUIT COURTS

Sec. 21. From and after January 1, 1945, there shall be at least three judges for the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh circuits, to be styled judges of the Circuit Court, to be elected or appointed as herein provided. In any of said circuits in which there shall be more than three judges (including the additional judge of the Court of Appeals), no successor to the additional judge of the Court of Appeals shall be appointed or elected as judge of said circuit. In any of said circuits in which there shall be only three judges (including an additional judge of the Court of Appeals), a successor to the additional judge of the Court of Appeals shall be appointed and elected as judge of said circuit. The aforesaid number of judges for any of the circuits shall be subject to increase or decrease by law as provided in Section 5 of this Article. The senior judge in length of service shall be the chief judge of the circuit (unless there is an additional judge of the Court of Appeals); the other judge or judges shall be associate judges. No two of said judges of the Circuit Court shall at the time of their election or appointment, or during the term for which they may have been elected or appointed, reside in any one county other than Baltimore, Montgomery, Prince George's or Allegany County, and not more than two in any county except (if there is an additional judge of the Court of Appeals) Baltimore County. In case any candidate or candidates for judge at any election shall receive sufficient votes to cause such candidate or candidates to be declared elected, but the election of such candidate or candidates would cause more judges than herein permitted to reside in any county of the circuit, then and in that event there shall be declared elected only that candidate or those candidates residing in said county, in the order of the votes received, whose election would provide the permitted number of judges from said county, and also the candidate or candidates residing in some other county, and not similarly disqualified, who shall have the next highest number of votes in said election. If, by reason of such a condition or by reason of an equal vote for two or more candidates a sufficient number of judges duly qualified as to residence shall not be elected at any election, then it shall be the duty of the Governor to order a new election for such unfilled office or offices. The said judges shall hold such terms of the Circuit Court in each of the counties composing their respective circuits, at such times, as are now prescribed or may hereafter be prescribed by rules or regulations by the Court of Appeals or otherwise by law. One judge in each of said seven circuits shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business; and the said judges, or any of them, may hold special terms of their Courts, when in their discretion, the business of the several counties renders such terms necessary.

All provisions of the Constitution of Maryland and all acts of the General Assembly relating to the Court of Appeals or any other courts, and all rules heretofore adopted by the Court of Appeals, not inconsistent with the provisions of the sections amended or added by this amendment, shall remain in full force and effect unless and until amended or repealed by proper authority. All salaries now prescribed by law for associate judges of the Circuit Courts shall continue to apply to all judges (including chief judges) of the Circuit Courts who are not judges of the Court of Appeals. No member of the General Assembly at which this amendment was proposed, if otherwise qualified, shall be ineligible for appointment or election as judge of the Court of Appeals or any other court by reason of his membership in such General Assembly. All appeals and other matters pending in the Court of Appeals on January 1, 1945, shall be proceeded with and determined by the Court as hereby constituted. In the event and to the extent of any inconsistency between the provisions of any section amended or added by this amendment and any of the other provisions of this Constitution or the provisions of any existing law, the provisions of the section amended or added shall prevail, and such other provisions shall be repealed or abrogated to the extent of such inconsistency, except Section 35A of Article III of this Constitution; provided, however, that in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the sections thus amended or added and any of the other provisions of this Constitution as amended by any other amendments which may be adopted at the same time as this amendment, i.e., at the election held in November, 1944, the changes made by this amendment and all such other amendments to this Constitution shall all be given effect.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the foregoing sections hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland shall, at the election to be held in November, 1944, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of Maryland, and at the said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot and upon each ballot there shall be 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 Article XIV of the Constitution and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article XIV.
Approved: May 9, 1943.

CHAPTER 490

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 9 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Attorney-General and State's Attorneys", relating to the salary of State's Attorneys, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland 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 be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 9 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Attorney-General and State's Attorneys", the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become Section 9 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland

9. The State's Attorney shall perform such duties and receive such salary as shall 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 have the power to appoint a Deputy and such other Assistants as the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may authorize or approve and until otherwise provided by the General Assembly, the said State's Attorney, Deputy and Assistants shall receive the following annual salaries: State's Attorney, seven thousand five hundred dollars; Deputy State's Attorney, five thousand dollars; Assistant State's Attorneys, four thousand dollars each; said salaries, or such salaries as the General Assembly may subsequently provide, and such expenses for conducting the office of the State's Attorney as the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may authorize or approve shall be paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the extent that the total of them exceeds the fees of his office, or as the General Assembly shall otherwise provide, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall not be liable for appearance fees to the State's Attorney.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That said aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland shall, at the next general election to be held in November, 1944, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and at the said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution 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 provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the said proposed amendment, as directed by said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article Fourteen.
Approved: May 4, 1943.

CHAPTER 796

AN ACT proposing an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of this State, title "Judiciary Department", sub-title "Part 1, General Provisions", by adding thereto one new section to be designated 13-A, to follow immediately after Section 13 of said Article, authorizing the General Assembly to provide by law for the assignment of judges from the circuits to sit in other circuits.

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, to be designated 13-A, to follow immediately after Section 13 of Article IV, title "Judiciary Department", sub-title "Part 1, General Provisions", be, and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of this State, the same, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of this State as herein provided, to become a part of said Article IV of said Constitution, to be numbered as aforesaid.

Sec. 13A. The General Assembly shall provide by General Law for the assignment by the Court of Appeals of any of the Chief Judges and any of the Associate Judges of the several Judicial Circuits of this State, including any Judge of the Court of Appeals from Baltimore City, and any of the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, to sit in any other or different Judicial Circuits for designated and limited periods, for the purpose of relieving accumulation of business or because of the indisposition or disqualification of any judge. And any judge so assigned by the Court of Appeals shall have all the power and authority pertaining to the judge of the court to which he is assigned.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall at the election to be held in November, 1944, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and at the said General Election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For Constitutional Amendment" and "Against Constitutional Amendment", as now provided by law, and immediately after said election, due return shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.
Approved: April 30, 1943.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HERBERT R. O'CONOR, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, in pursuance of the direction contained in Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that this proclamation containing a full, true and correct copy of the text of said Chapters 649, 320, 476, 772, 490 and 796 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1943, be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State where so many may be published and where not more than one may be published then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be published in the German language, once a week for at least three months next preceding the general election to be held in the State of Maryland on Tuesday, the 7th day of November, 1944, at which election the said proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in 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 THIS 15TH DAY IN JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR.

THE GREAT SEAL OF MARYLAND

By the Governor:
HERBERT R. O'CONOR
WM. J. McWILLIAMS
Secretary of State.

MARYLAND'S FARM FRONT FOR THIS WEEK

Stable hog prices until June 30, 1945, are assured Maryland farmers by the War Food Administration, Office of Price Administration and Office of Economic Stabilization. Until that date ceiling prices, Chicago basis, will not be reduced under $14.75 per hundredweight for weights of 240 pounds or less and $14 per hundredweight for weights more than 240 pounds. The support price of $12.50 per hundredweight, Chicago basis, for good to choice butcher hogs weighing 200 to 240 pounds will be effective from October 1 to June 30, 1945.

AAA Applications At County Offices

County offices of the Maryland Agricultural Adjustment Agency are now receiving applications for government benefit payments to farmers who are cooperating with the 1944 AAA war-food-production and soil-conservation programs. Farmers may sign application forms at the time they report their performance of conservation practices, Joseph H. Blandford, AAA State chairman, said today.

Farmers who have not earned their full 1944 allowance may obtain additional credits by carrying out the following practices before December 31: spread lime and phosphate, seed crimson clover and vetch as winter cover crops, seed annual ryegrass as winter cover crop, establish permanent pasture, harvest clover seed, construct drainage ditches, contour furrowing on non-crop pasture land and contour stripcropping in connection with fall-sown grains.

Clover Payments

Government benefit payments may be claimed by Maryland farmers on 12,500 acres and 400,000 pounds of red and alsike clover seed under a Maryland Agricultural Adjustment Agency production program to encourage the harvesting of more clover seed this year.

Benefit payment rates for harvesting the seed are $3.50 per acre and 3½ cents per pound of red clover and 2½ cents per pound of alsike clover seed sold to dealers or cleaned and tested. This practice cannot be reported for payment until the seed has been sold to a dealer or has been cleaned and tested. AAA county offices will assist the farmer in arranging for a test of the cleaned seed.

Where yields of seed are under the normal for the area due to drought conditions or other causes, any part of the farm's total harvested acreage having a yield reasonable for the community will qualify for payment.

Poundage payments will be made to farmers for the producer's share of seed from clover threshed on the share basis.

Apple Storage

Additional cold storage space will be made available for Maryland's 1944 apple crop by a War Food Administration order removing dried and evaporated fruit from refrigerated warehouses between September 30 and December 31.

"Price control and rationing programs of the Office of Price Administration were necessary, have saved the nation from dire inflation and should be continued until normal demands for food products bring about equitable distribution,' it was resolved by the agricultural advisory committee of the Maryland OPA at a meeting in Baltimore.

Members of the committee are: Roy C. F. Weagely, president, Maryland Farm Bureau Federation; T. Roy Brookes, president, Maryland State Grange; Dr. R. W. Sherman-tine, secretary, Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers Association; Phillip C. Turner, president, Interstate Farm Council; C. E. Wise, secretary, Maryland Farm Bureau Federation; Joseph H. Blandford, chairman, Maryland Agricultural War Board and Agricultural Adjustment Agency; David G. Harry, Pylesville; F. Ridgely Todd, Sparrows Point; George Sachse, Maryland Tobacco Growers Association; James Andrews, Hurlock; Niles Baldridge, director Maryland Food Distribution Administration; Dr. S. H. DeVault, University of Maryland.

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Next year's poultry production should be kept in line with feed supplies and market demands. That was what Walter C. Berger, War Food Administration official, recently told a Northeastern Poultry Producers' Council meeting in New York. He said, in effect, that while poultry goals for 1945 will be set later this year, it now looks as though the number of layers in flocks on January, 1945, should be at least 10 percent less than they were on January 1, 1944.

Turkey marketings are expected to be earlier than usual this year and considerably earlier than last year. If producers realize their intentions this year, October or earlier marketings will be the largest in nine years of records. Maryland producers are reported to have raised 382,000 turkeys, or five per cent more than last year.

Records show that every 15 minutes during the day a farm home or farm building catches fire in the Nation, says the University of Maryland Extension Service. It urges farmers to learn how to eliminate the common fire hazards during the national Fire Prevention Week, October 8 to 14. More than 85 per cent of these fires were reported as being caused by carelessness and could have been prevented.

Maryland has a winning public speaker! Harold Keller, age 17, Frederick County, brought honor to the Free State on September 8 when he won the regional Future Farmers of America public speaking contest, held at Rutgers University, competing with state winners from nine other Eastern states. He, therefore, has won the right to compete in the national FFA contest to be held at Kansas City, Mo., the first week of October. The title of his talk is "Bang's Disease in Dairy Cattle and the War." J. Homer Remsberg, vocational agriculture teacher, is his instructor.

Will we win our war for conservation? That is the lesson which the Supervisors of the Kent and Queen Annes Soil Conservation Districts are trying to drive home to the people of these two counties before it is too late. The rich topsoil, sparkling waters and rich growth of vegetation, which made these two counties two of the most prosperous agricultural counties in the State are not inexhaustable, in spite of their common habit of thinking so.

Erosion is gradually removing the topsoil from sloping land and depositing the slit and debris in drainageways and streams. Drainage systems are becoming filled with slit or allowed to deteriorate to the point where they do not function to give proper land drainage. Both soil erosion and inadequate drainage are gradually reducing the productiveness of Kent and Queen Anne's County soils.

Productivity of soils is the bottleneck of human existance. It has been so since man's sojourn on earth began. History is one continuous succession of migrations from exhausted soil to new fertile fields which nature has spent millions of years in creating. There is only one formula for production of fertile soil and man has no part in that creative process. All he can do is use it and make it last as long as possible.

Conservation of our agricultural resources now will mean a prosperous Kent and Queen Anne's County in the future.

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Add Soybeans

It is important to grow a variety of soybeans with corn for silage that is too late for grain production.

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