1940 PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE.

WHEREAS, at the January session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year 1939, the following Acts were passed, providing for the submission of said amendments to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for adoption or rejection;

Chapter 40—proposing an amendment to Section 17 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department," sub-title "Part 2—Court of Appeals," providing for appointment by the Court of Appeals of the Clerk of said Court;

Chapter 163—proposing an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, adding thereto two new sections, to be numbered 41-A and 41-B under a new sub-title "Part V-A—People's Courts," and to follow immediately after Section 41 of said Article, providing for the establishment of People's Courts;

Chapter 200—proposing to amend Section 21 of Article 4, title "Judiciary Department," sub-title "Part III—Circuit Courts," of the Constitution of this State, providing for an additional Judge in the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland;

Chapter 247—proposing an amendment to Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," regulating the period that the General Assembly may continue its session and the compensation of the members thereof;

Chapter 371—proposing to amend Section 21 of Article 4, title "Judiciary Department," sub-title "Part III—Circuit Courts," of the Constitution of this State, providing for the residential qualification and method of selection of Associate Judges in the Third Judicial Circuit;

Chapter 381—proposing an amendment to Section 1, Article II, title "Executive Department," of the State Constitution, to provide that a Governor shall not be eligible to succeed himself for the term directly following that for which he was elected;

Chapter 771—proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, adding thereto one new section, to be numbered 35A and to follow immediately after Section 35 of said Article, providing that nothing in the Constitution shall exempt the salary or compensation of any judge or other public officer from the imposition of a nondiscriminatory tax upon income; in words and figures as follows:

CHAPTER 40

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 17 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department," sub-title "Part 2—Court of Appeals," providing for appointment by the Court of Appeals of the Clerk of said Court, and providing 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 two new sections, to be numbered 41-A and 41-B under the new sub-title "Part V-A—People's Courts," and to follow immediately after Section 41 of said Article, be and the same are hereby proposed as an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the same, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become a part of said Article IV of said Constitution and to be numbered and sub-titled as aforesaid:

PART V-A—PEOPLE'S COURTS.

41-A. There is hereby created a People's Court of Baltimore City. Said Court shall consist originally of a Chief Judge and two Associate Judges; the number of such Judges may thereafter be increased or decreased by the General Assembly by law but no such decrease shall affect the term of any Judge then in office or his right to stand for election for further terms as hereinafter provided. The Judges of said Court shall have the qualifications prescribed by Section 2 of this Article and shall have practiced law in the City of Baltimore for a total period of at least five years; shall hold office subject to the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 of this Article with regard to retirement and removal from office; and shall receive from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City such compensation as shall be fixed by law by the General Assembly, which shall not be diminished during continuance in office.

The Governor shall appoint to said Court, to take office on the first Monday of May, 1941, one Associate Judge for a term expiring December 31, 1942; one Associate Judge for a term expiring December 31, 1944, and a Chief Judge for a term expiring December 31, 1946; and, upon the creation of any additional office on said Court by increase in the number of Judges pursuant to this Section, shall appoint an Associate Judge for such term, not exceeding eight years and expiring on the thirty-first day of December immediately following a Congressional election, as the law creating such office shall prescribe. If any vacancy occurs during any such original term, the Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the remainder of such term. After the expiration of said original terms, the terms of office of said Court shall be for eight years from the expiration of the preceding term, and shall be filled as follows:

(1) Any incumbent Judge of said Court shall be eligible, at the Congressional election immediately preceding the expiration of his period of appointment or term, for election or re-election to succeed himself (a) for a full term of eight years, except as provided in (b) hereof; or (b) for the unexpired remainder of the current eight year term, if his appointment will expire before the end of such term. No person other than an incumbent Judge shall be eligible for election to said Court.

(2) Whenever a vacancy shall occur on said Court from any cause the Governor shall appoint to said Court a Judge who shall hold office under such appointment until the thirty-first day of December immediately following the first Congressional election occurring six months or more after the date of his appointment. No Judge of said Court, who has stood for election to succeed himself and not been elected, shall thereafter be appointed to said Court, and no Judge of said Court, who has failed to stand for election when eligible, shall be appointed to succeed himself.

(3) In order to qualify for election or re-election an incumbent Judge shall file with the Supervisors of Election of Baltimore City not later than thirty days before the date of the applicable election a certificate signed and duly acknowledged, stating the basis of his eligibility and the term or remainder of term for which he is eligible for election. Thereupon, the name of such Judge, together with a statement of the term or remainder of term for which he is eligible, shall be placed upon the ballot to be used in said City in such election, with no party designation whatever and with no opposing candidate, with space provided to permit any voter to cast his vote for or against the continuance in office of such Judge; if the votes cast for the continuance in office of such Judge represent a majority of all the votes cast for or against his continuance in office, such Judge shall hold office for the unexpired remainder of the term or for the full term of eight years, as the case may be.

Unless his office shall have been abolished pursuant to this Section, each Judge of said Court shall continue to hold office after the expiration of his period of appointment or term until a successor shall qualify. As used in this Section "Congressional election" means any of the biennial elections at which members of the House of Representatives are regularly chosen.

Said Court shall have such jurisdiction (which may be made exclusive as to any class or classes of civil cases in Baltimore City), with such right of appeal, therefrom, and the Chief Judge and Associate Judges thereof shall have such powers and duties, as the General Assembly shall prescribe from time to time by law. The Judges of said Court shall have full power to regulate by rules the administration, procedure and practice of said Court; such rules shall have the force of law until rescinded or modified by said Judges or the General Assembly. Unless otherwise provided by law, (1) all powers granted by this Section or by law to said Court or the Judges thereof as a body may be exercised by a majority of the Judges thereof, and (2) said Court shall not be a Court of Record.

There shall be a Chief Constable of said Court, who shall perform therein the duties prescribed for Clerks of Court by Section 10 of this Article and such other duties as shall be prescribed by law or by rule of said Court. Such Chief Constable shall be appointed, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, by the Judges of said Court; and such Chief Constable shall appoint, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, all original, subsequent and additional constables and clerks employed in pursuance of this Section, and shall supervise and direct the work of all such constables and clerks. There shall be appointed originally fourteen such constables and eleven such clerks; the number of either may, on the joint recommendation of said Court and said Chief Constable, be increased by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City; no vacancy in the position of any constable or clerk, however arising, shall be filled by said Chief Constable unless the Judges of said Court and said Chief Constable shall expressly find that the filling of such vacancy is necessary for the efficient operation of said Court. The positions of said Chief Constable and of all such constables and clerks shall be positions in the Classified City Service of Baltimore and the provisions of the Charter of said City with respect to said City Service are hereby expressly made applicable thereto, provided that, the Chief Constable at the time this amendment becomes effective shall continue and remain in said position and immediately become a member of said Classified City Service of Baltimore; all such positions shall be classified by the City Service Commission and all appointments, promotions, transfers, reinstatements, and removals with respect to such positions shall be made only in accordance with the provisions, rules and regulations of said Classified City Service in force from time to time. Such Chief Constable and all of such other constables and all such clerks shall receive from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore such compensation as said Mayor and City Council shall prescribe. Such constables and clerks shall perform such duties as may now or hereafter be prescribed by law or rule of Court.

After adoption of this Section no constable shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City pursuant to Section 42 or Section 43 of this Article IV, but constables in office upon the adoption of this Section shall hold office for the remainder of their terms, and the constables first appointed under this Section shall take office at the expiration of such terms.

41B. The General Assembly shall have power by law to establish a People's Court in any county, or any part thereof, incorporated city or town in this State, except Baltimore City, and to prescribe and from time to time to alter (1) the number, qualifications, tenure, and method of selection of the Judges of any such Court, and their powers, duties and compensation, except that the term of office or compensation of any Judge shall not be reduced during his continuance in office; (2) the jurisdiction of any such Court (which may be made exclusive as to any class or classes of civil cases in such county, or any part thereof, city or town) and the right of appeal therefrom; (3) the number, qualifications, tenure, method of selection, duties, and compensation of all constables, clerks or other employees for such Court; and (4) all other matters relating to such Court. After adoption of this Section the Governor shall not be required to appoint any particular number of Justices of the Peace in any county or in any one of the several election districts of the counties as now provided in Section 42 of the Constitution.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the aforegoing sections hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland shall, at the election to be held in November, 1940, 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 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 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: March 10, 1939.

CHAPTER 163

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, adding thereto two new sections, to be numbered 41-A and 41-B under a new sub-title "Part V-A—People's Courts," and to follow immediately after Section 41 of said Article, providing for the establishment of People's Courts; and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the 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 two new sections, to be numbered 41-A and 41-B under the new sub-title "Part V-A—People's Courts," and to follow immediately after Section 41 of said Article, be and the same are hereby proposed as an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the same, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become a part of said Article IV of said Constitution and to be numbered and sub-titled as aforesaid:

"CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR PEOPLE'S COURTS."

"This amendment provides for establishing People's Court in this State by adding two new sections numbered 41-A and 41-B to Article IV of the Constitution. The first section (41-A) establishes a People's Court for Baltimore City and regulates or provides for regulating all matters relating to the Court, the Judges of the Court and the Constables and Clerks. The second section (41-B) authorizes the General Assembly to establish a People's Court in any other county, incorporated city or town of this State and to provide for all matters relating to said Court and the Judges, Constables, Clerks and Employees of said Court"; and below said sub-title shall be printed the words "For People's Courts Amendment," and "Against People's Courts 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: April 26, 1939.

CHAPTER 200

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, That three-fifths of all the members elected to each 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.

21. For each of the said circuits, excepting the eighth, the second, the third (and) the sixth and seventh, there shall be a chief judge and two associate judges, to be styled judges of the Circuit Court, to be selected or appointed as herein provided, and for the second circuit, the third circuit, (and) the sixth circuit, and the seventh 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 and sixth and seventh circuits 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, except in Prince George's County, in which county two of said associate judges for the said circuit shall reside at the time of their appointment or election and during the term for which they may have been appointed or elected unless the chief judge of said circuit shall already reside in said county, in which event only one of said associate judges shall reside in Prince George's County and Prince George's County shall at all times have two resident Judges and no more, such Judges to be either the Chief Judge of the Seventh Circuit and one associate Judge or two associate Judges of said Circuit. In case any candidate or candidates for associate judge at any judicial election held in the sixth judicial circuit 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 associate judges than herein permitted to reside in any county of said circuit, then and in that event only the candidate or those candidates, as the case may be, residing in said county in the order of the votes received shall be declared elected to the permitted number of associate judges from said county and the candidate or candidates, as the case may be, residing in the other county, and in that event only the candidate or those shall have the next highest number of votes in said election shall be declared elected. If, by reason of such a condition or by reason of an equal vote for two or more candidates a sufficient number of associate judges duly qualified as to residence as above set out should not be elected at any election in said sixth judicial circuit, then it shall be the duty of the Governor to order a new election for such unfilled office or offices.

The additional associate judge for the seventh circuit herein provided for shall be appointed by the Governor immediately after the adoption of this amendment and shall serve until the first general election for members of the General Assembly that shall be held in said circuit subsequent to the adoption of this amendment, at which election his successor shall be elected by the qualified voters of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties. No member of the General Assembly of 1939, otherwise qualified, shall be ineligible for appointment or election as such associate judge by reason of his membership in the General Assembly. The judge so appointed shall be subject to the same constitutional provisions, receive the same compensation and have the same powers as are herein provided for the other associate judges in the seventh circuit and his successors shall be subject to the same constitutional provisions, hold 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 seventh circuit. No two of the associate judges for the seventh 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, except in Prince George's County, in which county two of said associate judges for the said circuit shall reside at the time of their appointment or election and during the term for which they may have been appointed or elected unless the chief judge of said circuit shall already reside in said county, in which event only one of said associate judges shall reside in Prince George's County and Prince George's County shall at all times have two resident Judges and no more, such Judges to be either the Chief Judge of the Seventh Circuit and one associate Judge or two associate Judges of said Circuit. In case any candidate or candidates for associate judge at any judicial election held in the seventh judicial circuit 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 associate judges than herein permitted to reside in any county of said circuit, then and in that event only the candidate or those candidates, as the case may be, residing in said county in the order of the votes received shall be declared elected to the permitted number of associate judges from said county and the candidate or candidates, as the case may be, residing in the other county, and in that event only the candidate or those shall have the next highest number of votes in said election shall be declared elected. If, by reason of such a condition or by reason of an equal vote for two or more candidates a sufficient number of associate judges duly qualified as to residence as above set out should not be elected at any election in said seventh judicial circuit, then it shall be the duty of the Governor to order a new election for such unfilled office or offices.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be, at the next general election to be held in this State in the year 1940, 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 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 said Article 14 of the Constitution.

Approved: May 11, 1939.

CHAPTER 247

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," regulating the period that the General Assembly may continue its session and the compensation of the members thereof, 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 15 or Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

15. The General Assembly may continue its session so long as in its judgment the public interest may require, for a period not longer than ninety days; and each member thereof shall receive a compensation of seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750) per annum, payable quarterly, with a deduction of ten dollars per diem for each day of unexcused absence from any session; and he shall also receive such mileage as may be allowed by law, not exceeding twenty cents per mile; and the presiding officer of each House shall receive an additional compensation of two hundred and fifty ($250) dollars per annum. When the General Assembly shall be convened by Proclamation of the Governor, the session shall not continue longer than thirty days, but no additional compensation other than mileage and other allowances provided by law shall be paid members of the General Assembly for Special Sessions.

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, 1940, 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 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 26, 1939.

CHAPTER 371

AN ACT to amend Section 21 of Article 4, title "Judiciary Department," sub-title "Part III—Circuit Courts" of the Constitution of this State, providing for the residential qualification and method of selection of Associate Judges in the Third Judicial Circuit.

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 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.

21. For each of the said circuits, excepting the eighth, the second, the third (and) the sixth and seventh, there shall be a chief judge and two associate judges, to be styled judges of the Circuit Court, to be selected or appointed as herein provided, and for the second circuit, the third circuit, (and) the sixth circuit, and the seventh 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 and sixth circuits 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, except in Prince George's County, in which county two of said associate judges for the said circuit shall reside at the time of their appointment or election and during the term for which they may have been appointed or elected unless the chief judge of said circuit shall already reside in said county, in which event only one of said associate judges shall reside in Prince George's County and Prince George's County shall at all times have two resident Judges and no more, such Judges to be either the Chief Judge of the Seventh Circuit and one associate Judge or two associate Judges of said Circuit. In case any candidate or candidates for associate judge at any judicial election held in the seventh judicial circuit 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 associate judges than herein permitted to reside in any county of said circuit, then and in that event only the candidate or those candidates, as the case may be, residing in said county in the order of the votes received shall be declared elected to the permitted number of associate judges from said county and the candidate or candidates, as the case may be, residing in the other county, and in that event only the candidate or those shall have the next highest number of votes in said election shall be declared elected. If, by reason of such a condition or by reason of an equal vote for two or more candidates a sufficient number of associate judges duly qualified as to residence as above set out should not be elected at any election in said seventh judicial circuit, then it shall be the duty of the Governor to order a new election for such unfilled office or offices.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be, at the next general election to be held in this State in the year 1940, 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 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 said Article 14 of the Constitution.

Approved: May 11, 1939.

CHAPTER 381

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 1, of Article II, title "Executive Department," of the State Constitution, to provide that a Governor shall not be eligible to succeed himself for the term directly following that for which he was elected 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 two Houses concurring), That Section 1 of Article II, title "Executive Department," of the State Constitution, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

Section 1. The executive power of the State shall be vested in a Governor, whose term of office shall commence on the second Wednesday of January next ensuing his election, and continue for four years, and until his successor shall have qualified and he shall be ineligible to succeed himself as Governor for the term directly following that for which he was elected.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be, at the next general election to be held in this State in the year 1940, 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 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 said Article 14 of the Constitution.

Approved: May 11, 1939.

CHAPTER 771

AN ACT TO propose an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, adding thereto one new section, to be numbered 35A and to follow immediately after Section 35 of said Article, providing that nothing in the Constitution shall exempt the salary or compensation of any judge or other public officer from the imposition of a non-discriminatory tax upon income and providing for submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the 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 new section, to be numbered Section 35A, to follow immediately after Section 35 of Article III, be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, the same if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided to become a part of Article III of said Constitution, to be numbered as aforesaid.

35A. Nothing in this Constitution shall exempt the salary or compensation of any judge or other public officer from the imposition by the General Assembly of a non-discriminatory tax upon income.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland shall, at the election to be held in November, 1940, 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 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 Article XIV of the Constitution and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article XIV.

Approved: April 26, 1939.

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 40, 163, 200, 247, 371, 381 and 771 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1939, 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 5th day of November, 1940, 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 29TH DAY OF JULY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY.

THE GREAT SEAL OF MARYLAND

HERBERT R. O'CONOR
By the Governor:

FRANCIS PETROTT
Secretary of State.

1940 PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND STATE-WIDE REFERENDA

WHEREAS, at the January 1939 session of the General Assembly of Maryland, an Act was passed known as Chapter 353, providing for the creation of a commission of fisheries, and prescribing its powers and duties, and providing for the inspection of oysters and the collection of the tax thereon; and

WHEREAS, at the January 1939 session of the General Assembly of Maryland, an Act was passed known as Chapter 732, to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1, 2, 5, and 6 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," sub-title "State Industrial Accident Commission"; in words and figures as follows:

CHAPTER 353

AN ACT to repeal Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Conservation of Natural Resources"; to repeal Sections 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Oysters," subtitle "State Fishery Force"; to repeal Sections 80, 81, 84 and 87 of said Article 72, title "Oysters," sub-title "General Measurers and Inspectors"; to repeal Sections 99, 115, 155 and 155A of said Article 72, title "Oysters," sub-title "Oyster Culture"; to repeal Section 46 of Article 19 of said Code, title "State Auditor"; to repeal Chapter 163 of the Acts of 1906, sub-title "Oysters"; and to repeal sixteen new sections to Article 19A of said Code, title "Conservation of Natural Resources," said new sub-title to be known as "Commission of Fisheries," and said new sections to be known as Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12A, 12B, 12C and 12D, providing for the creation of a commission of fisheries and prescribing its powers and duties; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 9 and 11 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Oysters," sub-title "Culling"; to add two new sections to Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Oysters," sub-title "General Measurers and Inspectors," said new sections to be known as Sections 81 and 84, providing for the inspection of oysters and the collection of the tax thereon; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 129 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Oysters," sub-title "Oyster Culture."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Article 19A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), that Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Article 19A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Conservation of Natural Resources," be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That Sections 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Oysters," sub-title "State Fishery Force," be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That Chapter 165 of the Acts of 1906 be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That a new sub-title and sixteen new sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 19A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Conservation of Natural Resources," said new sub-title to be known as "Commission of Fisheries," and said new sections to be known as Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12A, 12B, 12C and 12D, to follow immediately after said sub-title and to read as follows:

"COMMISSION OF FISHERIES"

1. The Commission of Fisheries of the State of Maryland is hereby created and established. The said Commission shall be composed of five members, citizens and residents of this State, all of whom shall have practical knowledge of the tidewater fisheries. One of the members of said Commission shall be designated as the Chairman and shall be known as the "Commissioner of Fisheries." The members of the Commission, including the Chairman thereof, shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for terms of two years, beginning on the first day of June succeeding their appointment, the terms of the first members of said Commission to be appointed under this Act to begin on June 1, 1939. One associate member shall be a resident of that section of the Eastern Shore north of the Choptank River, one associate member shall be a resident of that section of the Eastern Shore south of the Choptank River, one associate member shall be a resident of that section of the Western Shore, outside the counties of St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles, one associate member shall be a resident of that section of the Western Shore comprising the counties of St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles. The Commissioner of Fisheries shall be chosen from the State at large. All vacancies among said members shall be filled by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

2. The Commissioner of Fisheries shall receive such salary not exceeding $4,500 per annum as may be fixed in the budget, and the associate members of the Commission shall each receive such salary not exceeding $2,400 per annum as may be fixed in the budget.

3. On June 1, 1939, all the rights, powers, duties and functions heretofore conferred upon or exercised by the Conservation Commission with respect to oysters, shellfish, the State Fishery Force or Oyster Navy and the Commander and personnel thereof, Chesapeake Bay and tidewater fish, fisheries, and hatcheries and the State Biological Laboratory shall be transferred to and thereafter be exercised and performed by the Commission of Fisheries and thereupon the said Conservation Commission shall be abolished.

4. The Commission shall have the general supervisory power, regulation and control over the following natural resources of the State, within the bounds of the tidewater, viz: fish, crabs, terrapin, oysters, clams and other shellfish. The Commission shall be charged with the execution of all laws now in force or hereafter enacted relating to any of the above subjects, and particularly with the enforcement of all laws relating to licenses and inspections. The Commission shall have control over the inspection of oysters, fish or crabs, wherever caught or sold in the State of Maryland, and of the enforcement of the oyster laws and other protective Measures. The Commission is empowered to provide such arms, ammunition and equipment as may be required for the vessels, boats and vehicles owned by it or owned by the State of Maryland and subject to the control of the Commission. The Commissioner, with the approval of the Commission, shall be authorized to operate, sell, buy, lease, exchange, rent or repair such vehicles, vessels, boats, nets and other equipment as may be necessary for the work of the Commission.

5. The Commission shall establish and maintain a permanent office in the City of Annapolis, where its meetings shall be held and where all books, records, charts and other official papers and documents relating to the work of the Commission shall be kept. The Commission shall meet during the first and third week of each month at its office, in Annapolis, and in addition, shall meet upon call of the Commissioner at such time and place as he may designate.

6. The Commissioner may at any time permit persons to be taken fish or other marine organism for scientific purposes or for fish or shellfish propagation.

7. The Commission on or before the second Monday in January, 1941, and shall prepare and present to the Governor a printed report showing the operations of the Commission during the preceding year, together with a financial statement of its collections, receipts and disbursements. The said report shall include such statistical information relating to the seafood industries as the Commission may direct. Prior to each meeting of the General Assembly, the Commission shall make such recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly for the conservation of the fisheries as it shall deem necessary or advisable. The Commission, upon instructions from the Governor, shall cooperate with any Commission or other agency of the State Government appointed to study the welfare or improvement of the State Government.

8. The Commission shall exercise all the powers herein conferred except that the Commissioner shall be wholly responsible for the enforcement of the fish and shellfish laws, and shall be in charge of the Commission's vessels, boats and vehicles. Each associate member shall supervise the planting and transplanting of shells and oysters in natural rivers in his district in accordance with policies determined by the Commission, and shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the Commission.

9. The Commissioner, with the approval of the Commission, shall appoint a secretary, who shall be paid such salary not to exceed $3,800 per annum as may be fixed in the budget, a surveyor, who shall be paid such salary not to exceed $3,000 per annum, as may be fixed in the budget, a captain, who shall be paid such salary not to exceed $2,000 per annum, as may be fixed in the budget, and a Director of the Marine Laboratory and Biological Research, who shall receive such salary as may be fixed in the budget. The Commissioner, after consultation with the present director, and with the approval of the Commission, shall appoint or continue in employment a biologist and such other employees of the Marine Laboratory as he may deem necessary, and the salaries of each of such employees shall be fixed by the Commission. The Commissioner, with the approval of the Commission, shall employ such clerks and stenographers and other employees as may be necessary. All employees provided for in this Article shall hold their respective positions under the provisions of the Merit System Law.

9A. Subject to the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Oysters," sub-title "General Measurers and Inspectors," said new section to be known as Section 81, to follow immediately after said sub-title and to read as follows:

81. Each county inspector or deputy inspector shall inspect all oysters in the district to which he is assigned by the Commissioner of Fisheries, and upon the inspection of any such oysters, he shall make a certificate of the number of bushels in triplicate, one of which shall be given to the purchaser, one to the seller and the other retained by the inspector. An inspection charge of 2c per bushel is hereby levied upon all oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland, unloaded from vessels at the place in Maryland where said oysters are to be no further shipped in bulk in vessels, to be charged equally to the buyer and the seller, but to be paid weekly to the Comptroller of the State Treasury or his agent by the buyers; the certificate retained by the inspector shall be mailed by him weekly to the Comptroller or his agent and in case the amounts of money shown to be due be not paid in one week thereafter to the Comptroller or his agent, or shall be hereby required to be done, the properties of the parties so indebted may be levied on and sold by the Comptroller or his agent as in cases of taxes in default, without other process of law; the said inspection levied is also made a charge on oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland and sold by commission merchants and others selling by less than the cargo; and also an inspection charge of six cents per barrel containing not more than three bushels of oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland; on oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland contained in bags or other uniform charge of four cents per bag containing not more than two bushels; and all transportation companies carrying oysters in the shell caught within the limits of the State of Maryland, consigned to Baltimore, shall furnish to the inspector or collector of oyster tax, a copy of their manifest showing the number of bushels received on arrival of steamer and to whom consigned, and the inspectors are charged with the duty of seeing that the proper returns are made for the purpose of this section by such commission merchant or retailer, and in performance of their duty the said inspectors are authorized and directed to visit places where oysters are sold within the limits of the State of Maryland in less than cargo lots are sold, and get from such sellers a statement under oath as to the number of bushels sold from time to time and return to the inspectors a certificate thereof to be forwarded to the Comptroller as required in the case of certificates for cargo, and the payments of the amounts so found to be due shall be similarly enforced. All oysters found within the State of Maryland shall be presumed to have been caught within the limits of the State of Maryland and the burden of proof shall be upon any one claiming to the contrary to establish his said claim by clear and satisfactory evidence. The Commissioner of Fisheries shall furnish to each of the county inspectors and deputy inspectors certificates in book form, supplied with carbon paper, so that each of the said triplicate certificates shall be exactly the same; the form of the certificate shall be as follows:

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I hereby certify that I have this date inspected for Captain_____, a cargo of oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland, sold to_____ and found the same to contain_____ bushels of merchantable oysters and _____ bushels of unmerchantable oysters.

Signed_____

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Oysters," sub-title "General Measurers and Inspectors," said new section to be known as Section 83 and to read as follows:

83. In addition to the certificates required by Sections 81 and 82 hereof every packer or commission merchant buying oysters in the State of Maryland shall furnish to the inspector assigned to his district, a weekly report under oath showing the number of bushels, bags or barrels of oysters purchased by him during the preceding week.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That Section 129 of Article 72 of the Annotated

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