

Question 1

Text of Proposed Constitutional Amendment (additions in **BOLD CAPS**; deletions in ~~striketrough~~):

Article III – Legislative Department

52.

(3) On the third Wednesday in January in each year, (except in the case of a newly elected Governor, and then not later than ten days after the convening of the General Assembly), unless such time shall be extended by the General Assembly, the Governor shall submit to the General Assembly a Budget for the next ensuing fiscal year. Each Budget shall contain a complete plan of proposed expenditures and estimated revenues for said fiscal year and shall show the estimated surplus or deficit of revenues at the end of the preceding fiscal year. **EACH BUDGET SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL ALSO CONTAIN THE PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN EACH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCLUDED WITH THE STATE AND ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, WHETHER REACHED THROUGH MUTUAL AGREEMENT OR ARBITRATION THAT IS BINDING ON THE PARTIES, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, FOR THE NEXT ENSUING FISCAL YEAR FOR STATE EMPLOYEES IN THE VARIOUS BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT.** Accompanying each Budget shall be a statement showing: (a) the revenues and expenditures for the preceding fiscal year; (b) the current assets, liabilities, reserves and surplus or deficit of the State; (c) the debts and funds of the State; (d) an estimate of the State's financial condition as of the beginning and end of the preceding fiscal year; (e) **CHANGES IN WAGES, HOURS, FRINGE BENEFITS, HEALTH BENEFITS, AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR STATE EMPLOYEES INCLUDED IN EACH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COVERING STATE EMPLOYEES FOR THE NEXT ENSUING FISCAL YEAR; AND (F)** any explanation the Governor may desire to make as to the important features of the Budget and any suggestions as to methods for reduction or increase of the State's revenue.

(4) Each Budget shall embrace an estimate of all appropriations in such form and detail as the Governor shall determine or as may be prescribed by law, as follows: (a) for the General Assembly as certified to the Governor in the manner hereinafter provided; (b) for the Executive Department; (c) for the Judiciary Department, as provided by law, as certified to the Governor; (d) to pay and discharge the principal and interest of the debt

of the State in conformity with Section 34 of Article III of the Constitution, and all laws enacted in pursuance thereof; (e) for the salaries **AND FRINGE BENEFITS** payable by the State and under the Constitution and laws of the State, **INCLUDING THOSE SALARIES AND BENEFITS COMMITTED UNDER EACH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COVERING STATE EMPLOYEES**; (f) for the establishment and maintenance throughout the State of a thorough and efficient system of public schools in conformity with Article 8 of the Constitution and with the laws of the State; and (g) for such other purposes as are set forth in the Constitution or laws of the State.

Question 2

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Article IV – Judiciary Department

4A.

(d) ~~The~~ **SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF §4B(A)(5) OF THIS ARTICLE, THE** term of office of each member is four years commencing on January 1 following the expiration of the member's predecessor's term. A member may not serve more than two four-year terms, or for more than a total of ten years if appointed to fill a vacancy.

4B.

(a) (5) **(I) IN THE EVENT OF A MEMBER'S RECUSAL OR DISQUALIFICATION OR THE EXPIRATION OF A MEMBER'S TERM WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT, THE COMMISSION CHAIR MAY:**

- 1. RECALL A FORMER MEMBER TO SERVE AS A TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE MEMBER; OR**
- 2. REQUEST THAT THE GOVERNOR APPOINT A TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE MEMBER OR EXTEND A CURRENT MEMBER'S TERM.**

(II) ON REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION CHAIR MADE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, THE GOVERNOR MAY APPOINT A TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE MEMBER FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OR EXTEND A CURRENT MEMBER'S TERM UNTIL A REPLACEMENT IS APPOINTED.

(III) ANY TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE MEMBER:

- 1. IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS THAT WERE APPLICABLE TO THE MEMBER FOR WHOM THE SUBSTITUTE IS TEMPORARILY APPOINTED;**
- 2. MAY NOT HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY THE SENATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION; AND**

**3. IF THE MEMBER IS A JUDGE OR AN ATTORNEY, MUST BE A MEMBER
IN GOOD STANDING OF THE MARYLAND BAR.**

(6)

Question 3 ([Ch. 881 of the 2026 Special Legislative Session](#))

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Article III – Legislative Department

4. Each legislative district **FOR THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE SENATE
AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES** shall consist of adjoining territory,
be compact in form, and of substantially equal population. Due regard shall be given to
natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions.

**62. (A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO GRANT
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION TO THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND TO REVIEW
THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING PLAN OF THE STATE.**

**(B) NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE OR ELSEWHERE IN THIS CONSTITUTION,
INCLUDING THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS, PROVIDES APPLICABLE CRITERIA
FOR THE BOUNDARIES OF A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING PLAN.**