

of abutting or surrounding urban development, or would maintain or enhance the conservation of natural or scenic resources.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1960.

Approved March 23, 1960.

CHAPTER 64

(House Bill 85)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Article 15 of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, granting the General Assembly the power to provide for the separate assessment, classification and sub-classification of land, improvements on land and personal property, and requiring that all taxes levied shall be uniform as to each such class or sub-class of land, improvements on land, and personal property.

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 amendment be and the same is hereby proposed to Article 15 of the Declaration of Rights 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 Article 15 of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

Article 15. That the levying of taxes by the poll is grievous and oppressive and ought to be prohibited; that paupers ought not to be assessed for the support of the government; that the General Assembly shall, by uniform rules, provide for *the* separate assessment [of land and], classification and sub-classification [s] of *land*, improvements on land and personal property, as it may deem proper; and all taxes thereafter provided to be levied by the State for the support of the general State Government, and by the Counties and by the City of Baltimore for their respective purposes, shall be uniform [as to land within the taxing district, and uniform] within [the] *each* class or sub-class of *land*, improvements on land and personal property which the respective taxing powers may have directed to be subjected to the tax levy; yet fines, duties or taxes may properly and justly be imposed, or laid with a political view for the good government and benefit of the community.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the foregoing amendment to the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Maryland shall, at the election to be held in November, 1960, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
 Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.