

SENATE BILL 1006

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session
Introduced and read first time: February 24, 2026
Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland State Flag Protection Act**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that, in accordance with the Maryland Constitution, the
4 State flag is the Maryland flag; proposing an amendment to the Maryland
5 Constitution to specify that the State flag is the Maryland flag adopted under
6 Chapter 48 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1904; and generally relating to
7 the State flag.

8 BY repealing

9 Article – General Provisions

10 Section 7–202

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY renumbering

14 Article – General Provisions

15 Section 7–203 through 7–207

16 to be Section 7–202 through 7–206, respectively

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

20 Article – General Provisions

21 Section 7–201

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

24 BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution

25 Article XV – Miscellaneous

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 8

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
3 That Section(s) 7–202 of Article – General Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland
4 be repealed.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 7–203 through
6 7–207 of Article – General Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered
7 to be Section(s) 7–202 through 7–206, respectively.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
9 as follows:

10 **Article – General Provisions**

11 7–201.

12 [The] **IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XV, § 8 OF THE MARYLAND**
13 **CONSTITUTION, THE Maryland flag is the State flag.**

14 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, (Three–fifths of all the members
15 elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That it be proposed that the Maryland
16 Constitution read as follows:

17 **Article XV – Miscellaneous**

18 **8.**

19 **(A) THE STATE FLAG SHALL BE THE MARYLAND FLAG ADOPTED UNDER**
20 **CHAPTER 48 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1904.**

21 **(B) (1) THE STATE FLAG BEARS THE ARMS OF THE CALVERT AND**
22 **CROSSLAND FAMILIES AND IS DIVIDED INTO QUARTERS.**

23 **(2) THE TOP–LEFT AND BOTTOM–RIGHT QUARTERS DISPLAY THE**
24 **COAT OF ARMS FOR THE CALVERT FAMILY THAT IS A PALY OF SIX PIECES, OR (GOLD)**
25 **AND SABLE (BLACK), AND A BEND DEXTER (RIGHT DIAGONAL BAND)**
26 **COUNTERCHANGED, SO THAT THEY CONSIST OF SIX ALTERNATING GOLD AND BLACK**
27 **VERTICAL BARS WITH A DIAGONAL BAND ON WHICH THE COLORS ARE REVERSED.**

28 **(3) THE TOP–RIGHT AND BOTTOM–LEFT QUARTERS SHOW THE COAT**
29 **OF ARMS OF THE CROSSLAND FAMILY AND ARE QUARTERED ARGENT (WHITE) AND**
30 **GULES (RED), A CROSS BOTTONY COUNTERCHANGED, SO THAT THEY CONSIST OF A**
31 **QUARTERED FIELD OF WHITE AND RED, CHARGED WITH A CROSS BOTTONY THAT**

1 HAS ARMS TERMINATING IN A BUTTON OR THREE-LEAF CLOVER AND OPPOSITE
2 COLORING.

3 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
4 determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by Section 4 of this
5 Act affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the Maryland
6 Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not apply.

7 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

8 (a) The amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by Section 4 of this
9 Act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be
10 held in November 2026 for adoption or rejection in accordance with Article XIV of the
11 Maryland Constitution.

12 (b) (1) At that general election, the vote on the proposed amendment to the
13 Constitution shall be by ballot, and on each ballot there shall be printed the words “For the
14 Constitutional Amendment” and “Against the Constitutional Amendment”, as now
15 provided by law.

16 (2) At that general election, a question substantially similar to the
17 following shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State:

18 “Question ____ – Constitutional Amendment

19 Providing that the State flag shall continue to be the Maryland flag adopted under Chapter
20 48 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1904.”.

21 (c) Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of
22 the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the
23 Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings held in accordance with Article XIV.

24 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this
25 Act are contingent on the passage of Section 4 of this Act, a constitutional amendment, and
26 its ratification by the voters of the State.

27 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 7 of this
28 Act, Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Act shall take effect on the proclamation of the Governor
29 that the constitutional amendment, having received a majority of the votes cast at the
30 general election, has been adopted by the people of Maryland.