

CHAP. 330
 Repeal
 and re-enact.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That an Act entitled an Act to preserve the streets and protect the property-rights of citizens of incorporated towns in Montgomery county, passed January Session, 1900, chapter 476, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows :

How
 franchises
 shall be
 granted.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That no franchise or right of way to any railway company in and through any incorporated town in said county of Montgomery shall be granted, or if granted shall be valid unless all the terms, conditions and locations in relation thereto shall be duly approved by a formal ordinance passed by the municipal authorities of such town, and finally ratified by a majority of the resident taxpayers, both male and female, of 21 years of age and upward, who have resided within the corporate limits of the municipality for one year, at an election especially called for the purpose of passing upon such ordinance after such ordinance has been duly published for at least three weeks in two (2) newspapers published in said town, or where there is no newspaper published in said town, then in at least two newspapers published in said county and circulating in said town; the cost of such publications, together with all expenses of holding such election, to be paid to the municipal authorities in advance by such company, and no such right of way or franchise shall be granted by said authorities until such ordinance shall have been formally passed as aforesaid, ratified by said resident taxpayers and accepted by the railway company; and such company shall give security that it will strictly carry out and observe the provisions of such ordinance before such ordinance shall be submitted for ratification or rejection by the said resident taxpayers.

Not to apply
 to franchises
 already
 granted.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall not apply to any right of way or franchise already granted to and formally accepted by any railway company in such a way as to impair the obligation of any contract heretofore made between any such municipal authorities and any such railway company.

Repeal.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1902.

CHAPTER 361.

AN ACT to change the name of Washington and Annapolis Electric Railway Company to Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railway Company.