any such debt or credit within the period of forty (40) years from the time of contracting the same; but the Mayor and City Council may, temporarily, borrow any amount of money to meet any deficiency in the City Treasury, and may borrow any amount at any time to provide for any emergency arising from the necessity of maintaining the police, or preserving the health, safety and sanitary condition of the city, and may make due and proper arrangements and agreements for the renewal and extension, in whole or in part, of any and all debts and obligations created according to law before the adoption of this Constitution.¹

- SEC. 8. All Laws and Ordinances, now in force, applicable to the City of Baltimore, not inconsistent with this Article, shall be, and they are hereby continued until changed in due course of Law.
- SEC. 9. The General Assembly may make such changes in this Article, except in Section seventh thereof, as it may deem best; and this Article shall not be so construed, or taken as to make the political corporation of Baltimore independent of, or free from the control, which the General Assembly of Maryland has over all such Corporations in this State.

CHANGES MADE IN THIS ARTICLE BY THE CHAR-TER OF BALTIMORE CITY AND AMEND-MENTS THERETO.

In pursuance of the power conferred by Article XI-A of the Constitution, and by Chapter 555 of the Acts of 1920, the voters of Baltimore City at the election in November, 1946, adopted the following amendments to the City Charter:

MAYOR

7. Mayor—Election. The voters shall elect by ballot, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, 1947, and on the same day and month in every fourth year thereafter, a person of known integrity, experience and sound judgment, over twenty-five years of age, a citizen of the United States, and ten years a resident of said city next preceding the election, to be Mayor of the City.

¹ Thus amended by Chapter 456, Acts of 1933, ratified November 6, 1934.