

indebtedness of said city or of said county, or any part thereof, at the time of the adoption of this Act, shall never become the indebtedness of the other, nor shall any tax of any kind whatever be assessed or levied on the property or inhabitants of either, to pay the principal or interest, or the expenses incidental thereto, of the indebtedness of the other then so existing; provided, however, that in the councilmen representing the wards of Baltimore city, and in the Mayor of Baltimore city and county, shall vest all the powers necessary for the management of the city debt or debts then existing, and for the levying and collection of such taxes as may be necessary for the payment of the same, or the interest and expenses thereon accruing.

Sec. —. *And be it enacted*, That all the provisions of Article XI. of the Constitution, relating to the city of Baltimore, and of Article IV. of the Code of Public Local Laws of this State, and of an Act of Assembly supplementary or in addition thereto, applicable to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or to the city of Baltimore, as now constituted, shall, on the adoption of this Act, apply to the Mayor and Council of Baltimore city and county, and to Baltimore city and Baltimore county, so far as the same are not inconsistent with this Act; and all laws in force at the time of the adoption of this Act applicable to Baltimore city and Baltimore county, as now constituted, and not inconsistent with this Act, shall continue in full force and effect.

Sec. —. *And be it enacted*, That the legal voters of the city and county, at the next general election hereafter, for the election of Congressmen from the State, may, by their ballots, on which shall be printed or written, as expressing adoption or rejection of this Act, as the voter may elect, the words, "For incorporation," or "Against Incorporation," vote for or against the adoption of this Act, said ballots to be deposited in separate boxes, properly prepared for the purpose, to be furnished by the Judges of Election of said city and county; and it shall be the duty of the Judges of Election in said city and county, to certify the result of such voting in the manner now prescribed by law to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county respectively; also directly to the Governor, who shall thereupon by proclamation make known the result of such voting, and if the highest number of the legal votes in said city and county, for or against the adoption of this Act, shall be in favor of the adoption of this Act, then the same shall be and the same does hereby become effectual and operative.

Sec. —. *And be it enacted*, That in the event of the adoption of this Act, as provided for in the preceding section, then