

general municipal election at which a mayor was elected, protesting against the passage of such ordinance, be presented to the board of aldermen, the same shall thereupon be suspended from going into operation, and it shall be the duty of the board of aldermen to reconsider such ordinance; and if the same is not entirely repealed, the board of aldermen shall submit the ordinance, as is provided by sub-section (b) of section 297 of this act, to the vote of the electors of the city, either at the general election or at a special municipal election to be called for that purpose; and such ordinance shall not go into effect or become operative unless a majority of the qualified electors voting on the same shall vote in favor thereof. Said petition shall be in all respects in accordance with the provisions of said section 297, except as to the percentage of signers, and be examined and certified to by the city register in all respects as therein provided.

SEC. 299. Petitions provided for in this act shall be signed by none but legal voters of the city. Each petition shall contain in addition to the names of the petitioners, the street and house number in which the petitioner resides, his age and length of residence in the city. It shall also be accompanied by the affidavit of one or more legal voters of the city stating that the signers thereof were at the time of signing, legal voters of said city and the number of signers at the time the affidavit was made.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the first day of May, in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, provided it shall first be ratified by a majority of the duly qualified voters of the City of Frederick, at a special election to be held for that purpose on the eleventh day of June, A. D. 1912. The board of supervisors of elections shall give notice, once a week, for two successive weeks, prior to said election, by publication in at least two newspapers published in Frederick City of the time and place of said election, and no other notice shall be required. The official ballots to be used at said election shall be prepared by the board of supervisors of elections, and as far as practical in accordance with the provisions of section 270ss of the Code of Public Laws of Maryland, title "Frederick County," sub-title "Frederick," except as otherwise provided herein. And said ballots shall have printed upon them the words "For the Amendment Charter" and "Against the Amendment Charter." If at said election more votes are cast "For the Amended Charter" than "Against the Amended Charter," then in that event this act shall take effect from the date aforesaid, but if more or as