

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the question whether or not a higher license fee to sell spirituous, fermented or alcoholic liquors or bitters of whatever origin in St. Mary's county shall be submitted to the registered and qualified voters of said county at a special election to be held in said county on the first Saturday in August, 1912, being the 3rd day of said month, which election shall be held in accordance with the law governing general elections in this State, and the Board of Election Supervisors for St. Mary's County shall give notice of the same by publication in two newspapers printed in St. Mary's county of the time, place and manner of holding such election at least three weeks prior to the first Saturday in August, 1912, and the expenses of said election, including the advertisements, shall be paid by the Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County, from the money received by the county from the sale of liquor licenses.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the ballots for and against such sale shall have written or printed on them "For Higher License," or "Against Higher License," and the ballots so cast shall be carefully counted by the judges of said election, and said judges shall make a return of said votes the same as they would at a general election, or as provided by law in regard to elections. And the said Board of Election Supervisors shall immediately make proclamation of the result of said election.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if it shall be found by the returns of said Judges of Election and the proclamation of the said Board of Election Supervisors, that the majority of all the votes cast in said county is against higher license, that then the license fee for the sale of liquors in St. Mary's County, shall remain as it is now provided by law, but if it shall appear by the said returns that a majority of the voters are in favor of "Higher License" that then the license fee in St. Mary's County for the sale of liquors as aforesaid shall be, for the year beginning May 1st, 1913, one hundred and fifty dollars, and beginning for May the 1st, 1914, the license fee shall be two hundred dollars, and the same fee shall be charged in each year thereafter. The funds arising from these licenses shall be paid over to the County Commissioners of St. Mary's county and they shall appropriate it, first, to the payment of the interest on the County Road Bonds, and as to any balance it shall be deposited by them to the credit of the sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the penalties and exceptions provided for by the liquor license law of St. Mary's