

LIQUOR AND INTOXICATING DRINKS.

1898, ch. 532, sec. 1. 1916, ch. 122.

242. The question whether or not any person or persons, house, company, association, or body corporate, as hereinafter described, may be licensed in Cecil County, of this State, by whom or in which spirituous or fermented liquors, intoxicating drinks or cider may be sold, or whether or not no license to sell the same in said county shall be issued, shall be submitted to the registered and qualified voters of said county on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in every fourth year thereafter, at the election then to be held therein, upon the filing with the Supervisors of Elections of said county, at least sixty days before said election of a petition containing the signatures of, at least, twenty-five per cent. of the registered and qualified voters of said county requesting such submission, and the sheriff of said county shall, at least three weeks previous to the day of said election, cause public notice to be given of the submission of said question, to be published in two newspapers of said county, with a copy of this Act to be posted at the most public places within each election district of said county, and the County Commissioners of said county shall pay for the publishing of said notice and copy of this Act, and for printing said handbills and shall pay to said sheriff, for said services, the sum of twenty-five dollars; but if for any reason, said notice shall not be given, or not given in the manner herein prescribed, such failure shall not affect the validity of this Act or operate to prevent its taking effect.*

1898, ch. 532, sec. 2.

243. The ballots cast at said election to be counted as deciding for or against the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors, intoxicating drinks or cider in said county, shall have printed or written on them the words "For License" or "Against License," and the ballots cast "For License" and the ballots cast "Against License," shall be carefully counted by the judges of said election in the respective election districts of said county, and the number of said ballots "For License" and the number of ballots "Against License" shall be certified by them, and the return judges of said election at their meeting after said election shall cast up the whole vote "For License" and "Against License" in said districts, and shall make a separate written return of said whole vote to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil County, and said clerk shall record said returns among the records of his office, and shall prepare a certificate proclaiming the result of such election in said county, and cause said certificate to be published, within fifteen days after said returns have been received by him, once in all the newspapers published in said county.

*At the election in 1898 a majority of the votes cast was in favor of licenses. In 1902, 1906, 1910 and 1914 a majority of the votes cast was against licenses at each election.