

bitters, shall have printed or written on them the words "For the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters," or "Against the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters," and the votes cast for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters, and the votes cast against the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters, shall be carefully counted and certified to by the judges of said election, and that said judges shall make a written return of such 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 if it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast as aforesaid are against the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters, then the clerk of said court shall prepare a certificate proclaiming the result of such election in said county, and cause said certificate to be published within ten days after the returns have been received by him, once in all the newspapers published in said county.

Majority to determine.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if it shall appear by the returns of said judges of election and certificate of the clerk of said court, that a majority of the votes as prescribed in the preceding section have been cast against the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters, then it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, or any house, company or association or body corporate, to sell directly or indirectly at any place, or to give away at his, her, their, or its place of business, any spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters, or intoxicating drinks of any kind (cider excepted) within the limits of Cecil county, after the first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one; nor shall any license be issued or granted for the sale of the same in said county after the first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one; but if it shall appear by the returns of said judges of election and certificate of the clerk of said court that a majority of the votes as prescribed in the preceding section have been cast for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters, then the present license law shall remain in full force.

When unlawful.

Remain in force