

drinks," prior to the first day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety, or to affect any offense already committed or which may be committed before this act shall take effect, but all such offenses may be prosecuted and punished under the law existing at the time of the commission of said respective offenses; and provided further, that if for any reason this act shall not take effect on the first day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety, the said article fifteen, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent county," sub-title "Liquors and intoxicating drinks," shall continue to remain in force until other laws shall be enacted in lieu thereof.

To take effect.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the question whether or not any person or persons, house, company, association or body corporate, as hereinafter described, may be licensed in Kent county, of this State, by whom or in which spirituous or fermented liquors or intoxicating drinks may be sold, or whether or not no license to sell the same in said county shall be issued, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said county on Saturday, the tenth day of May, of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and the sheriff of said county shall, at least three weeks previous to said election, cause public notice to be given of the submission of said question, by advertisement set up at the most public places within each election district of said county, and also by advertisement in two newspapers of greatest circulation therein, which said advertisement shall contain a copy of this act, and of the time and place of holding the said election, and the cost of such advertisement and handbills shall be paid by the county commissioners of said county, but if for any cause said notice shall not be given, said failure shall not affect the validity of this act, or operate to prevent its taking effect.

To be submitted.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That ballots cast at said election on the question of license or no license, to be counted as deciding for or against the sale of spirituous, or fermented liquors or intoxicating drinks in said county, shall have printed or written on them the words, "For license or against license," and the votes cast for license and the votes 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 votes for license and the number of votes against license shall be certified by them, and the return judges of said election shall meet at the court-house on the Tuesday next after said election, and cast up the whole vote for license and against license in said district, and shall make a separate written return of said whole vote to the clerk of the circuit court for Kent county, and said clerk shall record 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 ten days after said returns have been received by him, once in all the newspapers published in said county.

Returns.