

the County Commissioners of Baltimore county, respectively, to refund to George Brehm and Henry A. Brehm, copartners, trading as George Brehm & Son, money paid by them for liquor license granted to Amon Dorsey for the years 1903-1904, which license was never taken from the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of said county."

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Linthicum, from the Committee on Elections, reported favorably, with amendments.

House bill, File No. 315, entitled "An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments, sections 16, 25, 33, 212, 213 and 214 of Article 4, Code of Public Local Laws, as amended by chapter 123 of the Acts of 1898."

By Committee on Elections:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Strike out "Section 25" and insert the following:

"The Mayor shall have the sole power of appointments of all heads of departments, heads of sub-departments, municipal officers not embraced in a department and all special commissions or boards, except as otherwise provided in this Article, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of all the members elected to the Second Branch of the City Council; provided said Second Branch shall take action on such nomination within the first three regular succeeding sittings of said branch, after said nominations are sent to it by the Mayor. If the branch fails to take such action within said time, then the person or persons so nominated shall be to all intents and purposes such officer or officers as if they had been confirmed by said Second Branch. If said Second Branch shall by the required vote and in the prescribed time, refuse to confirm such nominations, the Mayor shall, within the next three regular succeeding sittings of said branch, send to it other name or names for such office or offices, and the duties of said Second Branch and the Mayor shall continue to be as above prescribed until a confirmation is had, or a failure to act for three regular succeeding sittings by the Second Branch occurs. The Mayor shall have the power to remove at pleasure,