

SEC. 23. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of the Town of Springdale, before the first day of March of each year, to have prepared, in form appropriate and made available in a suitable place or places, for inspection by the residents of the Town, a detailed statement of the financial condition of the Town, prepared by a certified public accountant, including receipts and expenditures of all kinds whatsoever, for the preceding fiscal year. On or before the first day of December of each year, the Commissioners shall cause to be prepared a tentative Town budget for the succeeding fiscal year; shall cause the same to be made available to the public at suitable times and places; and shall at any time thereafter conduct a hearing on said budget upon petition of 20 registered voters of the Town.

SEC. 24. *And be it further enacted*, That all authority, powers, rights, privileges, and benefits of any kind whatsoever which are, or may hereafter be, granted to municipalities generally by the Government of the United States, the Governments of the several States, the General Assembly of Maryland or under the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, shall be vested in and exercised by the Commissioners of the Town of Springdale.

SEC. 25. *And be it further enacted*, That if any part of this Act, or any section, sub-section, or a part of any section or sub-section thereof, shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the remaining part of this Act.

SEC. 26. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of determining whether the other provisions of this Act shall become effective, and the extent to which they shall become effective as hereinafter provided, and for the purpose of determining whether the citizens of the said proposed Town of Springdale and of each district thereof desire to incorporate, there shall be held a referendum election on the first Monday in June, 1947, under the supervision of the Committee hereinafter named, the manner and procedure of which shall be as follows:

The Committee to conduct such referendum election shall consist of G. Edward Pfluger and William H. Mosher of the First District, Porter M. Beale and James H. Noble of the Second District, and Franklin Brehme and Joseph L. Shrader of the Third District, who shall act as a Board of Election Supervisors, and they shall have the same duties, powers and authority as is provided for Supervisors of Election in this Charter,