

practicable as elections for county officers under the Code of Public General Laws of this State and upon closing the polls, the said Committee shall canvass the votes and announce publicly the result thereof. Separate tallies of the votes cast in said referendum shall be kept for the voters of each district. Upon the closing of the polls, the Supervisors of Elections shall count the votes and publically announce the result of the referendum. Within one week after said referendum, the Supervisors of Elections shall make a certificate, sworn to by each supervisor before a notary public, stating the result of said referendum and the number of votes cast for and the number of votes cast against incorporation in each District. One such certificate shall be filed with the Secretary of State of Maryland, and another such certificate shall be filed among the records of said Town if the Charter is adopted; but failure on the part of said Supervisors of Elections to make or file such certificate, shall in no wise affect the validity of the referendum.

In the event that the majority of the votes cast in each district are for incorporation, considering each district separately, this Act shall immediately become effective in its entirety, and the Commissioners for said Town shall be seven (7) in number elected as provided in this Act. In the event that the majority of the votes cast in any two of the districts as defined in this Act are for incorporation, considering the vote in each district separate from the vote in each other district, but the majority of the votes cast in the other one district are against incorporation, then this Act shall immediately become effective as to said two districts voting for incorporation but shall be null and void as to the one district voting against incorporation, and the boundaries of the Town shall be the boundaries of those two districts voting for incorporation, and the Commissioners for said Town shall be five (5) in number elected as provided in this Act. In the event that the majority of the votes cast in any one of the districts as defined in this Act are for incorporation, but the majority of the votes cast in each of the other two districts are against incorporation, considering the vote in each of said two districts separately, then this Act shall be null and void. In the event that a majority of the votes cast in each of the three districts defined in this Act are against incorporation, considering each district separately, this Act shall be null and void.

SEC. 27. *And be it further enacted*, That if this Act is adopted under the referendum election provided for in Section 26, then the same Committee, with the same powers as are