

voters, to conduct the election in each of said wards; provided that whenever there is only one candidate nominated for Mayor and only one candidate is nominated for Councilman in any ward of the city the election for such offices shall be held in such ward or wards as the said Mayor and Council shall direct, and judges and clerks shall be appointed to conduct the election only in the wards in which elections are so directed to be held. The judges and clerks of any ward in which the said Mayor and City Council shall direct the election of any other ward or wards to be held, shall, in addition to conducting the election in the ward for which they are appointed, conduct the election for such other ward or wards. The polls shall be open from the hour of nine o'clock A. M., to the hour of nine o'clock P. M., when they shall be closed, and no ballots shall be deposited in the ballot box after that time. The said judges and clerks shall conduct such elections, canvass the ballots and certify the results in the manner prescribed by the General Election Laws of this State for State and County elections, except that such judges and clerks shall within twenty-four hours after the closing of the polls in each election deliver into the hands of the Mayor one certificate or return of the result of the canvass of the ballots cast in the election, together with the tally sheet, and shall deliver another certificate or return of the result of said canvass, together with the other tally sheet, into the hands of the President of the Council, and shall deliver the ballot box containing the ballots, properly sealed, to the Clerk of the Council in person.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 29, 1947.

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CHAPTER 226.

(House Bill 200)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 755 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1943 Flack's Edition), sub-title "Hyattsville", pro-