

termine and declare the result of the election. The Mayor and City Council shall be the sole and exclusive judges of the returns, elections and qualifications of the Mayor and Councilmen and shall have full power to provide by ordinance for the hearing and determination of contested elections for any and all of the aforesaid offices, and the Mayor and City Council or any committee appointed from among them to hear any contested election case shall have power to administer oaths, issue summons for witnesses and compel their attendance by attachment issued to the Sheriff or any constable of said Prince George's County and the Mayor and City Council may by ordinance provide penalties for contempt of its authority, but prosecutions upon a charge of contempt shall be before the Justices of the Peace having jurisdiction to hear and determine charges of violation of the ordinances of said city. The determination by the Mayor and City Council of the result of any election shall be final and conclusive.

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.

CHAPTER 228.

(House Bill 202)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section 746 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1943 Flack's Edition), sub-title "Hyattsville", providing for the date and conduct of regular meetings of the Mayor and City Council.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 746 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1943 Flack's Edition), sub-title "Hyattsville", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

746. The said Mayor and Councilmen elected hereunder shall meet on the third Monday in May of each election year herein