

Department for Baltimore City and to have and exercise within the limits of Baltimore City all the power commonly known as the Police Power to the same extent as the State has exercised or could exercise said power within said limits, including the power to fix the number, salaries and compensation of all the officers and employees (which for a period of three years from the effective date of this Act shall not be less than the compensation and salaries paid on January 1, 1947), but, provided, however, that no ordinance of the City or any Act of any municipal officer shall establish, terminate, regulate or control the appointment or promotion of members of the Police Department of Baltimore City or the method of establishing eligibility for such appointment or promotion.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City shall cause to be printed on the ballots to be cast at the next ensuing general election, being the municipal election to be held in said City on the Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1947, the title of this Act and immediately beneath said title, the two following statements:

For appointment of Police Commissioner by the Governor.

For appointment of Police Commissioner by the Mayor.
with the usual box or voting space opposite each of said statements. If, at said election, a majority of the votes cast thereat in relation to this Act shall be in favor of the appointment of the Police Commissioner by the Mayor, as herein provided, then Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall go into effect and become operative as of July 1, 1947 and if a majority of the votes so cast at said election shall be in favor of the appointment of the Police Commissioner by the Governor, then Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall not go into effect or become operative, and the appointing power and Section 6 (22) "Police Power" of the Charter of said City shall remain unchanged.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act shall not alter or affect the term of the present incumbent in office of Police Commissioner of Baltimore City and that should Sections 1 and 2 go into effect and become operative the Mayor of Baltimore City shall not appoint a Police Commissioner until the expiration of the term of the present incumbent in office or until the office becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation or removal in accordance with law, of the present incumbent.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the imme-