

Said election shall be conducted as nearly as 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. Each ward or ward section shall stand upon the election returns of its own ward or ward section as to incorporation or charter adoption. (The failure of any ward or ward section to vote "in favor of Charter Adoption" shall not prevent any other ward or ward section from being incorporated, except as hereinafter stated.) In the event that the majority of the votes cast in any single ward or ward section are for adoption of this charter, this Act shall immediately become effective in the ward or ward section so voting, except that in the event that a majority of the votes cast in the First Ward are against adoption of this Charter, then this Act shall be null and void.

The Committee shall certify the results of this referendum election to the Secretary of State of Maryland.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of carrying out the first election of Mayor, Ward Councilmen, and Treasurer after the adoption of the charter set out herein, the aforesaid committees named in Section 2 immediately preceding are hereby appointed and designated as supervisors and judges for said election for the areas therein mentioned and are hereby directed to take the necessary steps for said election in accordance with the provisions of the charter aforesaid, subject to the right of substitution expressed in said Section 2; provided further, that said supervisors and judges may, in their discretion, postpone, not exceeding one month, the election, registration, notice of registration, time for filing by candidates, report of election returns and issuance of election certificate, from the time set out in the sections of the charter hereby enacted dealing with elections; and provided further, that they may use for the first election of town officials the registration lists compiled for the adoption of the aforesaid charter. The terms of the officials elected under this section shall be construed to commence on that Friday in May, 1947, on which they would have commenced if the election had been held in May, 1947.

SEC. 4. *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 being passed upon a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members of the two Houses of the General