

opposite each. Said election shall be conducted, as nearly as practicable, as elections for county officers in Prince George's County. Said committee shall appoint three (3) judges and two (2) clerks who shall conduct said election, and any of said committee are hereby authorized to act as judges or clerks. The said judges and clerks, before undertaking to perform the duties of their office, shall subscribe to the same oath as is now administered for judges and clerks in elections for county officers for Prince George's County.

For the purpose of said election, all persons over the age of twenty-one (21) years actually residing in the territory proposed to be annexed to the town of Cottage City by this Act at the date of its enactment, shall be eligible to vote at said election. The said judges, or any of them, before permitting any person to vote at said election, shall administer to such person an oath to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in reference to any question which might be asked them in reference to their qualifications as a voter in said election, and shall examine each of said persons, and if they do not bring themselves within the terms of this section, shall refuse them the right to vote.

Upon the closing of said polls, the said judges and clerks shall canvass the said vote, publicly announce the result of said canvass, certify the result to the Cottage City Commission, and deliver the ballot boxes, with the ballots sealed therein, to the Cottage City Commission, who shall faithfully keep the sealed boxes for a period of thirty (30) days after said election.

In the event that the majority of said votes are in favor of the annexation of the territory herein described to the town of Cottage City, said territory, upon this Act going into effect, shall be annexed to and become a part of said town; in the event that a majority of said votes are against such annexation, this Act shall be null and void and of no effect.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is declared to be an emergency Act, and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon by a three-fifths vote of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 26, 1937.

CHAPTER 449.

AN ACT to add a new Section to Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Prince