

**Chapter 250.**

AN ACT to enable the qualified voters of Charles county to determine, by ballot, whether Spirituous, Fermented or Intoxicating Liquors, or Alcoholic Bitters, shall be sold in said county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the question whether or not any person or persons, house, corporation, company or association, may be permitted to sell any spirituous, fermented, or intoxicating liquors of any origin whatever, or alcoholic bitters, at any time, within the limits of Charles county in this state, shall be submitted to the registered and qualified voters of said county at an election to be held on the first Tuesday, being the fourth day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and which election shall be held in accordance with, and subject to the law governing general elections in this state; and the sheriff of said county shall give notice of the time and purpose of said election, by advertising in at least two of the newspapers published in said county, and by handbills posted at prominent points in each election district of said county, at least ten days before the said election, in which notice, to be published in said newspapers, a copy of this act shall be inserted, and the expenses of said election, including the advertisements and handbills aforesaid, shall be levied by the commissioners of said county, and paid by the treasurer thereof.

Submitted to voters.

Give notice.

Levy expenses.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the ballots for and against such sale shall have written or printed upon them, "For the sale of intoxicating liquors," or "Against the sale of intoxicating liquors," and the ballots so cast shall be carefully counted by the judges of said election, and said judges shall make returns of said votes to the clerk of the circuit court of Charles county, and said clerk shall immediately make proclamation of the results of said election.

Ballots.

Make returns.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if it shall be found by the returns of said judges of election and the proclamation of said clerk that the majority of all the votes cast in said Charles county are against the sale of intoxicating liquors, then it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, house, corporation, company

Not lawful.