

Chapter 58.

AN ACT to repeal the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January session eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, chapter sixty, entitled "An act to repeal sections one hundred and nine to one hundred and forty-three, inclusive, of article twenty-one of the Code of Public Local Laws, entitled Washington county," sub-titled "Hagerstown," and to enact the following in lieu thereof, in amending and revising the charter of Hagerstown, and in providing for the government thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January session eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, chapter sixty, and the sections therein contained from one hundred and nine to one hundred and forty-three, inclusive, providing for the government of Hagerstown, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

Repealed and enacted in lieu thereof.

SEC. 109. The inhabitants of Hagerstown, in Washington county, Maryland, are hereby created a corporation by the name of "The Mayor and Council of Hagerstown," and by that name shall have perpetual succession; may sue and be sued; may have and use a common seal, and possess such other incidents and powers as attach by law to a municipal corporation, and may purchase and hold real, personal and mixed property for the benefit of said corporation; provided, however, that the mayor and council shall not purchase or acquire any real estate, unless the said mayor and council shall first provide by ordinance for said purchase, and the mode and manner of payment therefor; and all ordinances for the purchase of real estate shall provide for submitting the question of said purchase to the qualified voters of the town at some regular election, for the election of councilmen of said town; and before any such ordinance shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the town, at least four weeks' public notice shall be given, by publication in one or more newspapers of the town, of an intention to submit said ordinance to the qualified voters of

Created a corporation.

Provide by ordinance.

Notice to be published.