

one hundred and forty-three c, one hundred and forty-three d, one hundred and forty-three e, one hundred and forty-three f, one hundred and forty-three g, one hundred and forty-three h, one hundred and forty-three i, one hundred and forty-three j, one hundred and forty-three k, one hundred and forty-three l and one hundred and forty-three m, in lieu of article twenty-one of the Code of Public Local Laws, entitled "Washington county," sub-title Hagerstown, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Hagerstown; and all ballots in favor of the adoption of the foregoing sections shall have written or printed thereon the words "For the new charter;" and all ballots against the adoption of the aforesaid sections shall have written or printed thereon, "Against the new charter;" and said ballots shall be cast at the time and upon the same ballots that are cast for mayor or mayor and councilman, if the electors shall vote for mayor or for mayor and councilman.

Ballots—how prepared.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the judges of said election to receive, accurately count and return the ballots so cast to the clerk of the circuit court for Washington county as ballots are now returned by them; and they shall, immediately upon the closing of the polls of said election, count the ballots cast "For the new charter" and "Against the new charter," and make, out under their hands and seals, two certificates, which certificates shall state the number of ballots cast "For the new charter," and the number of ballots "Against the new charter," and shall immediately transmit one of said certificates to the clerk of the court of appeals at Annapolis, Maryland, and the other certificate to the clerk of the circuit court for Washington county. The said clerks shall record the same, and if a greater number of ballots be cast for the new charter than against the new charter, the clerk of the circuit court of Washington county shall make proclamation thereof, and the foregoing sections for one hundred and nine to one hundred and forty-three m, inclusive, shall be law, and have the full force, effect and virtue of law, from the day of said election.

Count and return ballots.

SEC. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

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