

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all mortgages and assignments of mortgages defectively sworn to since the twenty-seventh day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, before any officer authorized by the laws of this State to administer oaths and take affidavits, shall be as valid as if the same had been made in conformity with law. Defective mortgages made valid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved March 14, 1893.

CHAPTER 51.

AN ACT to repeal Section one hundred and forty of Article one of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Allegany County," sub-title "Frostburg," and re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section one hundred and forty of Article one of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Allegany county," sub-title "Frostburg," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows : Repeal.

140. They shall meet at the council chambers, or some other convenient place, every month at a stated time, to be fixed by ordinance, and the Mayor or any three councilmen shall have power to call special meetings at any time they may think necessary ; and the Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the council, and have the same power of voting and taking part in all acts and deliberations of the council as any member thereof ; and in the absence of the Mayor, the council may appoint a president, who shall have all the powers and privileges of the Mayor except to sign ordinances ; provided that in case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor from any cause, the council shall select one of their number to act as president of the council, who shall be Mayor *pro tempore*, with all the powers and duties of the Mayor devolving upon him until such vacancy shall be filled at the general election of officers next ensuing ; and all meetings of the council shall be public. Time and place of meeting.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved March 14, 1898.