

Effective. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.
Approved March 29, 1898.

CHAPTER 99.

AN ACT to repeal Sections two, six, seven, eight, nine, eleven, thirteen, sixteen and twenty-two of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Washington County," sub title "Sharpsburg," as enacted by the Acts of 1894, Chapter 634, and Sections ten, twelve and twenty-one, as re-enacted by the Acts of 1896, Chapter 67, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Repeal. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections two, six, seven, eight, nine, eleven, thirteen, sixteen and twenty-two, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Washington County," sub-title "Sharpsburg," as enacted by the Acts of 1894, chapter 634, and sections ten, twelve and twenty-one, as re-enacted by the Acts of 1896, chapter 67 be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows :

A body corporate. SEC. 2. The inhabitants of Sharpsburg, in Washington county, State of Maryland, are hereby created a corporation, by the name of the Burgess and Commissioners of Sharpsburg, 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, the Burgess and Commissioners shall not purchase or acquire any real estate unless they 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 voter of the town in an election to be held as hereinafter provided for town officers, after at least three weeks' notice of such election by hand-bills posted in at least six of the most public places in said town ; and said notice shall set forth the ordinance in full, and the mode and manner of payment proposed ; and no such ordinance shall be of any force or validity unless it shall receive a majority of all votes cast at said election.

SEC. 6. In case of a vacancy in the office of Burgess, by death or otherwise, the assistant Burgess shall hold the office